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Dear Parents/Carers,

Most weeks we try something new or adapt the way we have done things in the past. One example is how we have managed Parents Meetings. Feedback from teachers is that these meetings via telephone or Zoom have given teachers a great opportunity to chat with you as parents and carers and to talk about the progress the children have made. We hope that you found these meetings useful. We always welcome feedback so please do let us know if there is anything you'd like to say about these meetings.

The school community is still working very well together, following the systems on the playground, staggered start and end times to the day and being respectful to others by keeping distance and wearing face coverings where possible. We really appreciate this and it gives a positive message to your children.

Term Dates

We have attached the **Term Dates** for next academic year. It follows the NCC term dates that most of the county follow. The last few years we have had slightly different term dates for good reason. However we have listened to feedback from parents and we feel the majority would like the same holiday times as the rest of their family if family members attend or work in different Norfolk schools. If you require a paper copy of this please call at the school office.

Miss Humphrey

Miss Humphrey ended her time with us, for now, on Wednesday in readiness to have her baby in the new year. She will be missed by all of us but we know we will keep in touch and share the good news with you when her baby arrives.

Christmas Cards and gifts

We have had a few queries regarding whether children are allowed to bring in Christmas cards or gifts for their friends or staff. We have thought of a safe way to do this. If your children would like to bring in card or gifts, then these can come into the classroom on a Monday or Tuesday and they can then be quarantined for 72 hours and go home on the Friday of that same week. Or one card to the whole class is a good way of sending Christmas wishes to all. We are unable to give out

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printed class lists. Staff do not expect gifts. It is a really difficult time for some families with managing finances and other pressures.

Birthday Treats

We have had a few queries regarding whether children can bring in birthday treats to share with the class on their birthday. If this is thought about in advance you can bring wrapped treats into school 72 hours before your child's birthday and they can then be given out on the birthday. Or a boxed shop bought cake is another option. We however don't expect you to feel you have to do this as we make children's birthdays special in other ways in school. This is just in response to some questions we have had.

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget the children will be having a special Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. If you have not already done so please place your order on Parentmail where you will find all the details. Please make your menu choice by Friday 4th December to allow Mrs Horth time to order the food. A copy of the full menu was attached to last week's newsletter. If you are having difficulties placing your order please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Bubbles

Our bubble system at school continues to work well, with children only mixing with children in their bubbles. There are 2 or 3 classes in each bubble. These children share toilets, some resources and have the same lunch and play times. The children are so familiar with this now and for most of them it feels normal. Of course we will continue to send out the 'Daily Bubble Update.' If we get notification of a positive case of Covid 19 we will let the whole school know, and the affected bubble. Information will be included on actions that need to be taken to keep everyone safe.

Siblings who are self- isolating

Thank you so much for making arrangements for your Household children to come to school if you have another child self- isolating. We can be flexible and support where we can. Remember that older or younger children who are self- isolating are not allowed on the school playground. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, cooperation and patience.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Yours faithfully
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