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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Update

I know there has been a lot of information in both the local and national news about potential early closures of schools next week. I have made the decision that closing early by one day will ultimately provide families with unneeded disruption. If the suggestion from Government had come earlier and was better supported, I would have considered this action. At this point, we intend to be open until lunch time on Friday 18th December and will reopen on Monday 4th January. If this changes for any reason I will make contact with parents immediately. If your child develops symptoms during the holiday or tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the school at your earliest opportunity. You can contact the school throughout the holiday period using the contact details below:

Phone - 07393584126

Email - c19cases@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

It is very important that you keep the school informed of any developments as we have a duty to report any confirmed cases to the Essex Track and Trace team and support them in identifying possible contacts. I will personally try to reply to any communication as soon as I possibly can.

A small number of families have already made it clear that they intend not to send their children in next week due to trying to self-isolate before meeting grandparents over the Christmas period. Although I am unable to authorise this absence, I would like to make it clear that I fully understand this stance and have no intention of referring this absence for a fine. As the school will remain open, no work will be sent home for any children whose parents have decided to withdraw them. The staff and I will continue to manage the level of risk as much as we possibly can using the protective measures we have been using all year. Next week, we have many more fun experiences and opportunities for the children to complete and will continue to make this time as special as we can for the children.

After School Club

For those who still require the use of After School Club on Friday 18th December, we are intending to only offer this service until 3:30pm. If you would like to discuss this arrangement further, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Zoom Christmas Celebration

Next week, I will host a short virtual Zoom Christmas Celebration for each class. Over the past few weeks, the children have been practising a range of activities that will be filmed and shared with parents during the celebration. These activities include reciting poems and sharing Christmas messages. These sessions will last between 10 to 15 minutes. The dates and start times for these sessions can be found below:

	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:45pm
Tuesday 15th December	Rockets	Moons	Stars
Wednesday 16th December	Planets	Astronauts	Flying Saucers
Thursday 17th December	Galaxies	Asteroids	Satellites

Parents and their children will be invited to join others from their class for the event. Today you will also receive a Meeting ID and a Password for the meeting. If you have not received this by Monday, please contact the school.

For safeguarding reasons, the session will not be able to be filmed and only parents will be able to attend. If you are unable to access the internet through an electrical device, please contact the school as soon as possible.

We successfully used Zoom to complete our Summer Year 2 leavers sessions - I hope that you find these sessions enjoyable too. It is our hope that the children enjoy watching the celebration too as this will be the first time they see the celebration in its entirety.

Collection times for Friday 18th December

As with end of term tradition, next Friday the school will be closing at lunch time. The children will need to be collected using the staggered times set out below:

	Pick up time
Surnames beginning with A - E	1:30pm - 1:40pm
Surnames beginning with F - K	1:40pm - 1:50pm
Surnames beginning with L - P	1:50pm - 2:00pm
Surnames beginning with R - W	2:00pm - 2:10pm

Our Final Christmas Surprise

As you arrive on Friday morning, you will be welcomed by our final Christmas surprise. It is our hope that both children and parents enjoy our final surprise and will allow us as a staff to show our appreciation for the amazing support you have shown us all during the past year.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor