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Dear Parents,

As we get to the end of a long, first term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we have picked our way through the COVID challenges. The school has endeavoured to respond quickly to the disruption, ensuring your children are safe, continue to learn and make progress even if isolating at home.

Through the use of 'Google Classroom' and emailed work, most children have been able to engage well whilst 'learning at home' and have kept up with the planned teaching schedule.

Whilst all the children need a break over the Christmas holidays, please ensure you keep on top of your children's reading and times tables. These basic skills should not be allowed to slip over the two-week break.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas holiday. Have a good break, look after yourselves and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Kann

(Headteacher)

COVID

Unfortunately, cases of the virus are rising in Buckinghamshire and there are members of the wider community (not in the school) who are currently unwell.

Whilst the government has relaxed the rules around families mixing between 23rd and 27th December (see right) we ask you to be sensible and careful about how you do this so that you protect yourselves, your families and the wider community.

Chair of Governors

After more than 10 years on the Board of Governors, David Titman has stepped down from his role as Chair. On behalf of everyone at Castlefield School I would like to thank him for his years of service and dedication to the school. Our new Chair of Governors is Andrew Dimmock.



Three households* can form a temporary "Christmas bubble" from 23-27 Dec**



They can mix indoors in private homes and stay overnight



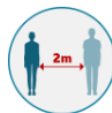
No travel restrictions in the five-day period



You can't go to a pub or restaurant with your bubble



If you have coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating you cannot join a bubble



You can meet people outside your Christmas bubble outdoors, but only in line with rules of the tier where you are staying

Remote Learning

The school now has a small number of Chromebooks that we are able to loan out to eligible children to enable them to access 'learning from home' if they need to self-isolate.

If your child is self-isolating and you do not have a computer/laptop/tablet, please contact the school office to enquire about borrowing a device. Please note, you will need to have Internet access at home.

Important Dates:

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school!

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If you **follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe)**, you will see photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.

Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day – NO school for children
Tuesday 5th January	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Friday 8 th January	Y6 World War 2 Day
Monday 11 th January	Y2 Pirate Day
Tuesday 12 th January	Y3 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 13 th January	Y1 Super Hero Day
Thursday 28 th January	Y5 Planetarium Day
Friday 5 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 12 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 18 th February	Y6 Holiday School
Friday 19 th February	
Monday 22 nd February	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 1 st March	Hatching chicks arrive in Reception
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th March	Target Setting Day
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of term
Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April	Easter Holiday
Thursday 8 th April	
Friday 9 th April	
Thursday 15 th April	Y6 Holiday School
Friday 16 th April	
Monday 19 th April	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL