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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a calm and peaceful week, and are finding surprising joys in the continued lockdown.

It's that time of year when the weather really starts to take a turn and get quite a bit wetter. However, the children are still getting out onto the field as much as they can so having wellingtons/trainers and a good raincoat in school are essential. To stop it turning into a mud-bath, we're going to rotate the children with two-weeks on and one-week off the field, using our super new playground, so we can spare specific areas of the field, such as the goalmouth area on their football pitches! The wellies and old shoes are still necessary in school every day as the playground can still have standing water on it.

Talking of the time of year, we are beginning to look forward to Christmas and planning our seasonal festivities. As I'm sure you're aware, this year will not be quite the same as we cannot have our evening in Bartholomew's Church with a Nativity play and performances. So this year, each class is taking on a different aspect of singing and performing and we will video their contributions so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your home. This way, the children get to take part, you get to see them at their best and you can share it with friends and family. I will be sending you out more information as we clarify timings and how we will share this with you.

Also, the School Council are keen to have a Christmas dressing-up day on Friday 11th December (which also happens to be Christmas Jumper day!). I am aware of asking you all to do more things for school and themed dressing-up days can feel like another thing to do, so the children have decided to give it a broad theme. The idea will be that children can come dressed in a wide range of Christmas themed-clothes from the traditional Christmas jumper, to having a bit of tinsel in their hair, to wearing a full-on Christmas tree with baubles! More details will follow from our industrious School Council.

Once again, can I say a HUGE thank you for observing the wearing of facemasks in school. We all really appreciate it, especially as we hear more and more local COVID cases. Can I also remind parents to observe the same rule when dropping off children at Breakfast club too? This is just to keep us all safe and well, especially as we approach the end of lockdown.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and manage to safely get outside.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

