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Dear parent/carer,

Just one more day to go and our gorgeous Year One and Year Two children and staff will be returning to school following their period of isolation. We are absolutely delighted with the way they have adapted to the remote learning – showing such resilience - and are ever so grateful to the parents (and grandparents) who have supported them. Please could we ask that all children bring in the resources they took home and anyone who loaned a chrome book to return it to school in the plastic wallet you received it in.

We are always keen to improve our provision for the children and are inviting parents to provide us with both positive feedback and any ways in which we can improve our contingency plan. Please see the following link to take you to the survey: <https://forms.gle/mv5M5mG7mDUyLxqq5> You will need to log into your child's google account to complete the survey.

Christmas Nativity and Plays

You may be aware that following the end of the lockdown, it has been announced by the Department of Education that schools are being allowed to have nativity plays. However, you may not be aware that usually, preparations for Christmas plays begin just before the October half term holiday in order for them to be performance ready and the children to feel confident in their roles. Although we would love to have continued our tradition of a Christmas Production for each key stage, we are not in a position to do so – sadly, three weeks is just not sufficient time. Added to this is the potential for a class to have to isolate at any given time due to a positive case of coronavirus being identified.

We apologise for the disappointment this may cause but trust you understand the situation we are in. On the other hand, our virtual Christmas assembly is coming along nicely. Many thanks to those parents who have completed the consent form for your child to be part of the video. Here is the link if you have not yet done it: <https://forms.gle/ndCiE5P79giAnMg89> Once again, you will need to log into your child's google account to complete the survey.

Christmas cards and gifts

Many parents have asked if it is possible for the children to exchange Christmas cards with their friends. We would very much like to facilitate this by organising a designated day when any children who wish



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to bring in cards can do so. Therefore, any children wanting to bring cards in will need to do so on **Monday 14th December**. The cards will be collected and quarantined for 72 hours before the 'Newchurch Elf' mail service will sort and distribute them to the recipients.

We have also been asked about gifts for staff. As stated in our previous letter, this is not something expected by staff but should you wish to offer a gift, this can be done on any day and the member of staff will quarantine them accordingly. All details relating to this will be noted in our risk assessment.

A Christmas treat to look forward to...

Each year, our children in key stage one always watch the pantomime at the Parr Hall. As we are not able to do this, we are bringing the panto to Newchurch! All the children will be treated to a virtual pantomime and there will be treats for the interval and lots of fun to be had.

With only thirteen school days before the break for Christmas, we are so pleased to have managed to get so far through the term with so little disruption to the children's learning. Many schools have suffered more incidents of isolating classes, and we are ever so grateful to everyone for continuing to adhere to the rules. As we return to tier two restrictions, please could we remind you of the following rules:

- You must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place.
- The 'rule of six' will apply outdoors, so you must not socialise in a group of more than six people outside, including in a private garden or a public space.

We are sure that you share our passion for ensuring that we are able to have a Christmas with our loved ones (within the guidance of course) and keeping to the rules will allow this to happen.

With kindest regards,



Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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