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Dear Parents and Carers,

The single Covid case in Year 6 we informed parents about yesterday has risen to four cases in that class. They are all ok but isolating for 10 days. The Year 6 class are now operating as a separate bubble from today onwards, until they are 10 days clear of a new case. They will be separated from others throughout the school day. We have also just been informed that both of the staff who were at Breakfast Club this morning have tested positive. If your child was there, you are advised to get them to take a LF test, followed by a PCR if it’s positive.

As a result of this outbreak:

* All visitors to the inside of the school building will wear masks
* Our staff will wear masks in the shared areas of school
* All assemblies will be moved online
* CO2 monitors have been installed in all classrooms (to check that good ventilation is in place)
* **All parents evenings will be by phone tonight, at the time arranged. Please inform anyone who doesn’t get this newsletter to avoid any wasted journeys to school.**
* Cleaning, hand washing and sanitising will be intensified
* All Y6 children have been recommended to take a PCR and take daily LF tests during this outbreak.
* All parents are asked to keep children off school if they show any symptoms of Covid-19, and to collect children from school if symptoms develop during the school day.

It’s that time of year when we make plans for the end of term and Christmas events at school. This year we hope to have more normality than last year, but we can’t be sure what restrictions may be in place in December, particularly in the light of our current outbreak.

**Remembrance Day – Thursday 11th November**

We will hold a short ceremony on the playground, including a period of silence at 11am.

**Children in Need – Friday 19th November – PJs, fancy dress or bright colours for a donation of £1 or more.**

Please note the date, we’ll take part in the special Joe Wicks workout and have one of our lunchtime discos if the weather allows it.

**Christmas Fair – Friday 26th November at 3.20pm**

The PTFA are planning for the Christmas Fair to take place in the Hall and classrooms at the end of the school day.

**Christmas Jumper or Red and Green Day for Save the Children – Friday 10th December £1**

Children and Staff will wear Christmas Jumpers or something red/green on this day to raise money for Save the Children.

**Nativity Plays**

We are planning to put on two Nativity Plays, one with the Reception children on Tuesday 14th December at 2pm and one with the Year 1 and 2 children on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December at 2pm. There will be two tickets available for families of each child to keep the audience to a maximum of 60 for each performance (if we are able to have a live audience).

Year 3 and 4 will perform at the end of the Spring Term and Year 5 and 6 at the end of the Summer Term.

**Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December**

Please book up for the special Christmas meal if you’d like your child to have the hot meal that day. There will be jacket potatoes to order for anyone not wanting a Christmas lunch.

**Panto and Party Day – Thursday 16th December – Non Uniform**

The PTFA have generously paid for the school to watch an online Pantomime on the party day. We will wait a few weeks before deciding if food can be shared on the day.

**Last Day – Friday 17th December – Non Uniform, children finish at 1pm (we will look after any who need to stay until 3.20pm).**

**Recorder groups**

Our new music teacher, Sarah Pugh, would like to run some recorder groups if enough families are interested. Cost would be around £5 per lesson for a group of three children learning together. These sessions are aimed at children in Year 2 and above.

Please contact Sarah on sarahfwatton@gmail.com for a place.

Please note that Mrs Chalke will still be running her recorder club alongside this teaching.

**Christmas Shoebox appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who has made a Christmas Shoebox this year. They will be collected from school at 9am on Thursday 11th November.

**Parking considerately**

Please could we remind parents not to block entrances, park on pavements or on double yellow lines. There are sometimes cars parked on the pavement at the top of Ratcliffe gardens. These cars make walking in that area dangerous.

**Warriors (Fridays after school)**

The Warriors club are offering a one-month free trial in December to any child who would benefit from the club to help with anxiety or self-confidence. There are 30 tickets in the office, please ask for one if you would like your child to try this club.

**Transport survey**

Dorset Council have asked for parents to share their views on transport to school issues. We are hoping to get them to provide a school crossing patrol outside our school, your support for this on the survey would be very useful.

To start the survey [click here](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DorsetEducationTravelSurvey/):

The survey closes on Friday 12th November 2021.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

 **September 2021 to August 2022**

**Autumn Term**

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| Autumn half term | Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021 |
| Autumn term ends | Friday 17 December 2021 |
| Christmas holidays | Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 |

**Spring Term**

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| INSET DAY | Tuesday 4 January 2022 |
| Children start back | Wednesday 5 January 2022 |
| Spring half termINSET DAY | Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022Monday 14th March 2022 |
| Spring term endsINSET DAY | Thursday 7 April 2022Friday 8th April 2022 |
| Easter holidays | Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022 |

**Summer Term**

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| Children start back | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |