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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to School Events

Following my recent letter regarding changes to the school Covid-19 risk assessment, I am writing to update you on some unfortunate changes to the school events scheduled to take place during December.

Friends of Headlands Christmas Fair

It is with sincere regret that I have made the difficult decision to postpone the Friends of Headlands Winter Fair. The popularity of our Winter Fair means that, if this event went ahead, we would have in excess of 1,000 children and adults on the school site on Friday afternoon. Even with face coverings, this would not be a responsible decision to make with the uncertainty of the new Covid-19 variant. We are currently considering how and when this event can go ahead in the new year.

Pre-booked visits to Santa Claus

To avoid disappointment, we will ensure that all pre-booked visits to Santa Claus, for Headlands pupils, go ahead during the school day (however, parents will be unable to attend). Your child will bring their present and memories of visiting Santa Claus home with them when they leave school this Friday (3rd December). To keep Mr Claus safe and well for the big event (in 24 days), we will ensure he maintains a social distancing throughout his visit. As a result, we will be unable to take a photograph of your child with Santa.

Unfortunately, we will need to cancel visits to Santa Claus for children who do not attend Headlands. We will ensure you receive a full refund by the end of this week, but if your child would like to write a letter to Santa we will make sure it is passed on.

Please note, we received a small number of grotto responses forms which do not identify the child or family. Children visiting Santa will bring home their Santa Experience Ticket on Thursday, this should be returned to school ready to present to the elves on Friday. If you believe you have paid for this experience and your child does not bring a ticket home on Thursday evening please let the school office know on Friday morning.

Christmas Raffle

We have some AMAZING raffle prizes which won't remain at their best post-Christmas! Therefore, raffle tickets will be sold before and after school, in the playground, by members of the senior leadership team. Tickets will cost £1.00 per strip. The raffle will be drawn in

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collective worship on Wednesday 15th December. More information, including a list of prizes, can be found on the [Friends of Headlands Facebook](#) page shortly.

Children's Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all families of pupils in EYFS and KS1 who contributed chocolate for our intended tombola. We do not want these donations to go to waste so they will be used to create some very tempting chocolate hampers and used as raffle prizes for pupils. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets in class during Wc.06/12/21. Tickets will cost 50p per strip. The raffle will be drawn in collective worship on Wednesday 15 December alongside the adult Christmas raffle.

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumper day will go ahead as planned on Friday 3 December. We look forward to seeing pupils and staff (and parents!) in their festive jumpers on Friday.

Friends of Headlands Gift Room

I am delighted to say that this will go ahead as planned on Monday 6 December.

Early Years and Key Stage One Concert

Currently, we hope that the Christmas concerts will go ahead, as planned, on the dates and times listed below.

Nursery and Reception

- 2pm 9 December
- 10am 10 December

Year 1 and Year 2

- 2:15pm 14 December
- 10am 15 December

To enable these events to proceed, there is some key information for parents and carers to note:

- Please do not attend the concert if you are unwell or if you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19
- Social distancing will not be possible in the space we have available, vulnerable adults must be aware of this.
- We will ask that all adults adhere to the guidance and wear a face covering throughout the concert.
- Hand sanitiser will be available on entry to school. Please ensure you sanitise your hands before entering.
- Windows will be open for ventilation.
- We would appreciate adults completing a lateral flow test in advance of the show.

Entry to Christmas concerts is strictly by ticket only. Hopefully you have received information about how to purchase your tickets. The children have been practising and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to these events.

Christmas Service at Christ Church

Karen, the vicar of Christ Church, has informed me that (currently) we are able to proceed with our Christmas Service at 10am on 16 December. Parents, carers, relatives and friends are very welcome to attend. Face coverings will be mandatory. Please note that, as with our school concerts, social distancing will not be possible during this service.

Spensorough Co-operative Trust Choir

We are unaware of any changes to this event but will ensure you are updated as soon as possible should anything change.

Christmas Lunch and Class Parties

Christmas lunch (15 December) and school parties (17 December) will proceed as scheduled. More information about these events will follow.

The health and safety of all pupils, staff and school families are of paramount importance in all of the decisions we make in school. Please be assured that the changes detailed above have not been made lightly. Should guidance from central government or the local authority change it may be necessary to review the controls we have in place. Additionally, we may need to increase safety measures if we see a steep rise in Covid-19 cases in school. We will communicate any further changes, by letter, as soon as possible.

With thanks for in anticipation of your support and understanding with this matter.

Best wishes,



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