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Wednesday 19th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has flown by! It's been a privilege to work with the staff, children and yourselves over the last half term. Whether it's been singing a solo in front of a hundred adults, singing times tables songs or being polite to visitors to the school, the children have been a pleasure and I hope that every family has a wonderful festive break.

New Safeguarding Systems – please read!

We have recently had a safeguarding review from Oxfordshire's Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) team, who are responsible for monitoring the safeguarding in schools. There were a couple of action points for the school to address, with one of them being the security of the school site during the school day. Whilst the changes that will be made are going to affect everyone and may slow down the process of dropping your children off, I do hope that you all understand the reasons for them.

Starting after Christmas, we will be tightening our procedures around the school building to ensure that we are significantly reducing safeguarding risks to our children. As part of this, we will require **all adults to remain in the playground when dropping off at 8:50am and picking up**. The only exception is where adults will be able to enter the building will be for family assemblies or similar events, where they will be expected to sign in in the usual way before they enter the school hall. For anyone wishing to speak to staff working in the school office, you will need to walk around the school and enter through the school's main entrance. Parents of children in Acorn will be able to drop their children off with Mrs Tyler-Hunt and her team at the school hall door, a reverse of what happens at pick up time. Some staff will be present on the playground if you wish to pass a message to the class teacher.

It is the responsibility of all of our staff to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. Part of this will involve challenging those are not wearing a visitor badge. Please do not be offended, they will be doing their job!

Thank you for your continued assistance in making this school a safe environment for our children.

Christmas Jumper Day



£102.60 was raised for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day. Many thanks to all for your donations.

Early Morning interventions

Mrs Gersok's early morning Intervention class will continue for the first two weeks of term until 17th January. Parents will be advised if their children qualify for the next round starting soon after.

Diary Dates

We break up **at 1:30pm on Friday 21st December**. The school will reopen for children on Tuesday 8th January.

Diary Dates

Pantomime	Wednesday 19 th December pm
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday 20 th December
School Closes	Friday 21 st December 1.30pm

Early Warning

INSET	Monday 7 th January 2019
Yr6 IMPs Trip	Wednesday 9 th January 2019
Family Assembly	Monday 14 th January 9.05am
School reopens	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Half Term	18 th – 22 nd February
Year 6 Junior Citizen	Tuesday 12 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March
Easter Holiday	8 th – 22 nd April
INSET	Tuesday 23 rd April

Many Thanks

Scott Lewis

Acting Headteacher