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Dear Parents and carers,

Unfortunately, both children and staff have continued to be affected by positive cases of Coronavirus during this half term. Due to this, we have had to reinstate the bubble system for Year 3 this week. In light of the increase in cases and the government announcements, our risk assessment has been updated in line with new guidance, this can be found on the school website.

Thank you to parents/carers for continuing to work with us and follow our risk assessment in order to minimise risk and help keep everyone safe and healthy. We appreciate the support and understanding given to us during these unpredictable times.

Christmas Festivities



This afternoon children and staff in school have done an amazing job of decorating our school for Christmas. Everyone was certainly in the festive spirit and it was lovely to see so many smiley faces. Year 1 also enjoyed a walk to the local post office this morning to post their letters to Santa. We are eagerly awaiting a response and will share this when it arrives.

Christmas Concerts



We are very excited that our Year Group Christmas concerts are due to take place next week. All children should have returned home today with your tickets of choice. All concerts will be held outdoors to ensure that our festive cheer can be shared in a safe way and so that everyone can enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas. Although we are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather, please be aware that we may have to cancel concerts if we experience heavy rain. Should this happen, we will ensure that concerts are videoed and shared via SeeSaw with parents. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you onto the school site to join us for these festive celebrations. Please remember to bring your ticket to gain entry and to wrap up warm.

Reindeer Run



The 'Reindeer Run' will be held on Friday 10th December. This event is to help raise much needed funds to support the crucial work Pontefract Hospice carries out for people in our community. On the day, every child will be given a pair of antlers to add to the fun of our charity run / walk. We hope that you will support us by donating towards this very worthwhile cause.

We are asking parents/carers/family for cash donations/sponsorship which should be handed in via the classroom on the day of the 'Reindeer Run'. We have been set a challenge to raise more than £500, which we hope to achieve with the generosity of yourselves and family members. If any families would like a sponsor form, you can obtain one from your child's class teacher.

Chocolate Raffle



During the afternoon of the Christmas Jumper Day (15th December), we will be holding a Christmas Chocolate Raffle for each class. Tickets can be bought from their class teacher from the week beginning the 6th December for 10p per ticket / 50p per strip.

If you are able to help us with any prizes for our chocolate raffle please bring these to the office by Friday 10th December so that these can be quarantined before the draws. Thank you in advance for your support and to anyone who has already donated.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day



This year, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day will be held in school on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch on this date, please can we ask you to pre order this via the Dolce website as soon as possible.

Attendance

We are pleased to share the weekly attendance for each class:

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	87.50%
Nursery pm	89.80%
YRM	94.09%
YRN	98.30%  
1K	97.52% 
1W	96.49%
2C	95.44%
2S	96.40%
3AB	73.42%
3M	65.64%
4Mc	96.35%
5BW	95.45%
5R	97.98% 
6O	88.36%
Whole School	92.82%

We have three classes this week who have achieved our target percentage of 97%  - well done! A special CONGRATULATIONS to Class Reception N  who have the highest percentage this week!

Twitter



Please follow our Twitter page on @IPMATHalf_Acres or https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf_Acres to see school updates. We also celebrate our Star of the Week and Class Dojo Champion winners on this each week.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell
Acting Headteacher