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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head in to December, we know that thoughts will soon start to turn towards Christmas and what it will look like with our 'new normal'.

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions that we have in place, we will obviously be unable to put on the usual performances and celebrations that we would usually enjoy at this time of year. Every class has been tasked with being creative this year and to put together a performance that we will record and share with parents. We are currently working with our IT team to ensure that this is done in a safe way, but that you get to share the magic that the children bring with their performances. Further information on this will be sent out in due course.

We are doing our very best to ensure that the children have their Christmas dinner which is a day in the calendar that we always look forward to. In order for us to be able to do this in a safe way and ensure that bubbles do not mix, we are working on risk assessments which we will be able to share with you soon. They will also be put on to our school website for you to access.

The usual sharing of cards and gifts will very sadly not be able to happen this year. This is because we are unable to have anything in school that has come from home without quarantining it and as you can imagine, this is just not possible with hundreds of Christmas cards. Please do not send your child in to school with cards for their friends as we will be unable to accept them.

Rest assured that discussions are already being held amongst staff regarding plans for Christmas and we aim to make it as much of a celebration as we possibly can for the children, whilst working with the limitations of the the guidelines.

Kind regards,

Mrs Carrier  
Head Teacher

