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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Autumn Term 2 – Fifth Update**

### Covid Update

Unfortunately, we have been notified of two positive Covid cases this week. Parents of children in Class 4 and Nursery have been informed separately by a letter.

**If your child feels unwell, please keep them at home.** If they display any Covid symptoms which may include, a high temperature, headache, loss of taste/smell, upset tummy, or generally feeling unwell, the advice is to arrange a PCR test and remain at home until the results are received. PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT, UPTO DATE PHONE NUMBERS FOR AVAILABLE CONTACT IN THE EVENT YOUR CHILD BECOMES UNWELL AND FOR ANY MEDICAL EMERGENCIES. Thank you.

## **Revised Christmas Events due to present circumstances with Covid**

### Carol Service

Following the last parents' update, unfortunately current Covid circumstances, along with an increase in the new Omicron variant and general restrictions have changed. However, we want to do our best to provide Christmas experiences for the children. With careful planning, we are still hoping to go ahead with the Carol service (although this may be subject to change if Covid cases rise), however we will sadly not be able to involve parents and members of our local community as previously hoped. The Church council recently met to revise their forthcoming arrangements and have advised the school they cannot safely accommodate a large number of people in church.

The Living Nativity has been cancelled, but a short Carol service with the need for face coverings to be worn will take place instead this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. It is hoped that the Crib service will go ahead, although a review will be held closer to the time.

Please be reassured that the children will still have the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols together as a school and celebrate the joyous festival of Jesus' birth. We really want to make this a special time for all the children at St Lucia's, whilst also doing the right and responsible thing by protecting them, their parents and the school community this close to Christmas. Please be aware, that other local authorities have now cancelled their Christmas events, so we

are hoping our revised Carol service will go ahead as detailed above. We were pleased to also have the opportunity as a school of singing recently at the Rodington Tree of Light event last week.

#### School Christmas Fayre

The arrangements for the Christmas Fayre have had to be amended due to the current Covid situation. Opportunity to purchase items made at the Elf Night will be given to the children in their classes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children should bring no more than £1. Raffle tickets will also be on sale from the St. Lucia's Friends shortly.

#### New School Website

St. Lucia's School and Nursery now have a new, improved school website! A huge 'Thank you' to Mr Brinkler and our parent governor Mrs Jackson for their help with this. We hope to be able to include more interactive news and regular updates for parents when the site is fully established next term. Please let us know if you encounter any issues which need addressing.

#### Extreme Weather

Reminder for parents to review their contingency plans for emergency childcare arrangements in the event of extreme weather conditions. If the roads are deemed unsafe or impassable, every action will be taken to try and avoid school closure, however, sometimes this just isn't always possible.

Parents will be informed via text message as soon the latest regional weather and transport updates are received. Please bear in mind, that messages may be released early in the morning due to significant weather changes over-night. School closure announcements are broadcast on BBC Shropshire radio's 8am travel bulletins and also on our school website. Can children please bring a warm coat every day.

#### Barrel of Booze Raffle

Congratulations to Cath Roberts who was the winner of the Barrel of Booze hamper. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. A total of £200 was raised for The Friends of St. Lucia's.

We hope you keep warm and well.

Kind Regards

*S.L. Woolley*

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