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Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you realise it is 5 weeks to the day until Christmas day! Whilst, we don't like to mention the word too early in school our plans are well under way.

### Children in Need

As I mentioned last week we quarantined the cash that was collected and this week it has been counted and prepared to be sent off. We raised the fantastic sum of £425.51! Thank you very much for your support for this very worthy cause.

### Christmas

Perhaps many of you were already thinking about this as it may be very different time this year and we may not be able to do many of the things that we would like. We are keen in school for children to continue to enjoy the things that we normally do in this exciting half term. **Christmas productions** are going to be filmed professionally by a company that we use as a Trust. Rest assured that this will be done with online safety in mind and whilst I don't know the final details yet, I am told that this will only be available for access by parents and will not be in the public domain.

I know that a big part of the children's Christmas preparations is sending **Christmas cards** to their friends-we are still going to do this but we will have to do this in a Covid-19 safe way. As such we will provide the post box in school for cards on certain days only, these cards will be quarantined and then distributed to the children.

The days we will be accepting cards are:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November;**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December;**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

I know that this seems a convoluted way of doing things, but this is what we are finding in school at the moment-we want to do the usual things but sometimes we have to think creatively!

Mrs Cartwright has organised for the children to do the **reindeer run** in aid of the Wakefield Hospice. Children will be running a 1K course within school and for taking part they will receive and indeed wear, whilst running, a pair of reindeer antlers! I have even heard that a member of staff has to wear a Santa Claus suit! I wonder who might get that 'privilege'? It will also be **Christmas jumper day** in December. I think it is really important for us to continue to support these charities and your donations, however small, will be gratefully received. However, I also know that many of you may

have had changed circumstances this year and as such one donation for both charities or no donation at all will not preclude your children from taking part.

### **Remote Learning**

I have included with this letter some Remote Learning parent FAQs and our Remote Learning policy. We hope that this will help you with understanding what you might expect should your child's class have to self-isolate.

Finally, once again may I continue to respectfully remind you that you adhere to our Covid safe regulations by:

- sticking to the staggered arrival and departure times;
- having only one parent per child at drop off and pick up;
- socially distancing as adults;
- wearing a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child.

Have a lovely, restful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK Tomlinson', written in a cursive style.

Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal