

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward next week to welcoming back the Snow Leopards, they are in for a busy week catching up on all the activities they have missed! The Christmas filming took place this week as planned and hopefully we will be sharing how you can access this in the early part of next week.

### Dates for your diary

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery Christmas party (children allowed to come in party clothes/non-uniform)
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Non-uniform/ Christmas Jumper Day (for \*Save the Children)
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - INSET day school closed to pupils

*\*We will be collecting for the charity but some of you may have already donated and feel that you have 'done your bit'. We will send some of the funds already collected plus any further donations you may wish to make next Thursday. Children may wear non-uniform or a Christmas jumper regardless of whether or not you make a further donation.*

### Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that there is one date left for sending in Christmas cards. Don't forget to ask children to put names AND classes on the envelopes.  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

### We have received the following information from Wakefield Council Covid-19 Winter Grant food vouchers

*2020 has been a challenging year for families and many are struggling financially due to the impact of coronavirus.*

*We are pleased to remind you that for the two-week Christmas holiday period (weeks commencing 21 and 28 December 2020), families, that are in receipt of Council tax*

*support, will get a voucher payment of £15 per child per week to go towards the cost of their Christmas food bill.*

*Letters including instructions on how to redeem voucher codes will be issued direct to families by Wakefield Council (not individual schools). These are expected to be received by families from next week (week commencing 14 December 2020).*

Wakefield Council decided not to involve schools in this process and as such any enquiries regarding this should be directed to them. All the information required will be in the letter you receive.

### **Christmas Closure**

The Academy will be maintaining its normal provision for pupils until the end of the day on **Thursday 17 December 2020**. It is our expectation that all pupils who are fit and well will remain in full attendance up to and including the last day of term. Just a reminder that **Friday 18 December** is an Inset Day (this was actually planned at the beginning of the year) and the academy is closed to all pupils. As a reminder, pupils should remain at home if they have any of the coronavirus symptoms or if any member of their household has symptoms.

### **The reporting of positive coronavirus cases into the Academy during the Christmas break**

You may be aware that the government has this week asked schools and leaders to undertake contact tracing for a period of 6 days after the end of term. This 6-day period includes Friday 18 December through to Wednesday 23 December. Further details on how this contact tracing will be managed by the Academy will be provided in a separate letter to all parents/carers next week.

### **January Return**

Following the Christmas break, the Academy will reopen to pupils for the Spring Term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

As always have a lovely, restful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal