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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be my final update to you all this year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support, kind words of encouragement and most of all for entrusting your children to us this term. I do not underestimate the anxiety that COVID-19 is causing everyone but, being able to return to some form of 'normality' and fully reopening the school in September has, whilst at times, been a little challenging, also been very rewarding. I am incredibly proud of your children and how well they have adapted to the new 'normal'. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of my staff team and governing body. Everyone, from the kitchen staff, cleaners, teaching assistants, office staff and teachers has played their part and I know you will join me in thanking them for their service this term.

Our last week has not quite gone to plan but, I am pleased to report that Cherry class are working hard and have adapted brilliantly to learning at home. A special thank you to the Cherry class parents and carers for their support. I really do understand how very hard it is to home school your children, especially at this time of year but, you have done an admirable job; thank you!

Finally, you will see below that I have outlined what you should do in the event your child tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48hrs of being in school. I have a duty to support the NHS Test and Trace service right up until Christmas Eve, so please do make contact if your child receives a positive test outcome. Please also be alert and check your emails from school, should I have to notify you of a contact, which leads to the need to self-isolate it will be via parentmail. You will not, you will be delighted to hear, receive any emails from me, after 24<sup>th</sup> December!

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break over the coming weeks and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

#### **COVID-19 Positive Test Reporting**

School will close on 18<sup>th</sup> December but, emails will continue to be monitored throughout the holiday period and should you need to get in contact, due to a positive COVID test outcome, please email via the school office on [info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk)

You only need to report a positive test outcome to me, if your child developed symptoms within 48hrs of being in school as your child may have been infectious in this time, I will then assist NHS Test and Trace in identifying close contacts and advise relevant parents and staff about self-isolation.

#### **Christmas Film**

In much happier news I am delighted to share our Christmas film with you here;

<https://vimeo.com/488094723/ea069e08ba>

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing for you and whilst it may not be in our usual format, I hope you enjoy watching it. A special thank you to Miss Greenslade, for working so hard to bring this together and Mr Hewett, one of our parent governors who helped, for very many hours, to edit the film!

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred