23/11/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

The academy trust has informed all schools in the trust that we are to bring in some additional COVID restrictions due to continuing high levels of COVID cases in the community in the run up to Christmas.

It is with regret that I write to inform you that we are no longer permitted to invite parents into the school building for events for the rest of the term. This means that we are not able to ask our families indoors to watch the infants’ Nativity Show, participate in the Year 5/6 Show and Share on Thursday, hold an indoor carol concert or run a winter disco.

We share your disappointment so have made the following arrangements:

1. **Year 5&6 Show and Share:** Year 5/6 parents and carers are invited to stay in the top playground for 15 minutes after drop off this Thursday morning. After a quick registration, Year 5/6 will perform their planned hall section of the Show and Share outside in the performance area in the top playground for you to watch.
2. **Infants Nativity Show and KS2 Carols:** We have arranged for a video company to film the Infants Nativity show and the KS2 carols on Monday 13th December. This will not be live streamed but shared via DVD/ social media (once any editing needed has been completed). We will only be able to include children for which we have explicit permission. As parents and carers wishes can change over time, over the next few days we will be asking parents to confirm they grant permission either by signing at drop off/ pick up or confirming with the office via email.
3. **Alternative Arrangements:** We will hold the following out door performances at the end of the day:
   * Tuesday 14th December 2021, 2:50pm. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 perform songs from the nativity to their parents and carers in the bottom playground. Children are then collected direct from the playground.
   * Thursday 16th December 2021, 3:00pm. Years 3-6 sing carols to their parents and carers in the bottom playground. Children are then collected direct from the playground.

The Year 5&6 trip to We the Curious in Bristol on 9th December will go ahead as planned. We are also able to welcome individual parents and carers in to listen to children read. Clubs and After School Care will continue to run as normal.

We are not returning to ‘bubbles’ but minimising the numbers of individuals we have indoors at any one time, whilst finding the balance in terms of supporting the children's wellbeing and learning. For example; we will not hold whole school assemblies for the rest of the term but there will be no change to lunch or break time arrangements. Lunches are staggered but children are still allowed to play with children from different year groups.

In addition to the above arrangements, we continue to promoting regular hand washing, ensure good ventilation and have enhanced cleaning regimes in place.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell

Head Teacher