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## Newsletter 14

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Dear parents,

Firstly, let me say how pleased I am that we have managed to achieve reaching the end of two terms with minimal disruptions to children's time in school when compared to recent years. It has been so lovely having all the children in school all of the time, learning and playing together.

Secondly, I think I speak for everyone when I say *long may this continue!*

Nobody can predict how Omicron may affect schools once the Christmas holiday is over. Whilst I hope that all children will return to school on Tuesday 4th January, my senior leaders and I have been reviewing what our contingency plans may look like if the guidance for schools changes during the holiday period.

Of course, I will write to you as soon as possible if there are any significant changes that may affect your child returning to school in the New Year. So, please make sure that you check your inbox for any school emails before 4th January.

Fingers crossed I am being over-cautious and please remember that, at present, we are expecting all children to return to school as normal in the New Year.

That said, thank you for supporting us this term and I hope you all enjoy the holiday. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Thank you,

Tim Browse



### Stories Around the Christmas Tree

This event was a real success and it was so nice to bring back one of our festive traditions. From the conversations I had with the parents outside, as we sipped our tea and munched our mince pies, it was clear how pleased everyone was that the event was able to take place. Thanks as well to the staff who contributed their time to reading the children a night-time story and thanks, once again, to FAB who supported the event and provided all the treats. Same time next year?

### Parent Presentation

A date for your diary: On **Thursday 13th January, 6:00pm**, parents and carers are invited to a meeting with Mr Browse and the governors to learn more about the school's priorities for the year ahead and beyond. Hopefully there will be some opportunity for Q&A and governors will be asking parents to register their interest in joining future parent focus groups. The event will take place virtually. Details and invites will be sent out in the new year

### Covid - 19 - Reporting over Christmas

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Christmas holidays, please email us - [airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk) with details of when their symptoms developed, and when they tested positive. Emails will be monitored throughout the holidays and a member of staff will respond to your email.

If your child has taken a PCR test this week, please make sure you email us with the results as soon as possible so that we can alert any close contacts to take daily Lateral Flow Tests.



### Menu Change

Please remember that on Tuesday 4th January, we have a menu change. The options will be Pepperoni or Margarita Pizza. We return to school on Week 1 of the lunch menu.

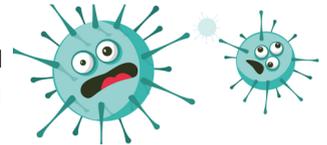
### Masks

Please can we remind parents/carers that masks **must** be worn when you are on the school site, even in the playgrounds, as social distancing cannot always be maintained. This is in line with new government guidance and has continued to be our school policy throughout the pandemic



### Flu Immunisations

Please find attached a letter regarding the flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination please click [here](#). The date for the School Nursing Team to come in and administer the flu vaccinations is **Wednesday 5th January** however, please be aware that this date may be changed at short notice, depending on the Covid-19 situation in January.



### Library News

This week Year One and Year 5 came to the Library for a story and a biscuit treat to celebrate all the fantastic reading that happened in Term Two. It's so important to keep up with our reading especially in the holidays. What better way to beat the winter blues than snuggling up and sharing a story together? If you enjoyed the Summer Reading challenge, then welcome to the Mini Winter Challenge. Taking part is simple: all you have to do is read at least three books between Wednesday 1 December 2021 and Sunday 16 January 2022.

Follow the link to join: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



## Be a Wild World Hero this Winter!



### Welcome to the Winter Mini Challenge 2021!

For the Summer Reading Challenge this year we teamed up with WWF and explored nature and action for the environment with the Wild World Heroes.

This winter we are very excited that the Wild World Heroes are back to help with the Winter Mini Challenge!

Join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there. You will find out about the environmental issues facing this remote place and might even spot a narwhal or two.

