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Dear Parents/Carers

There has been lots of good news in recent weeks, an effective vaccine is on its way and we will hopefully be able to spend some time with loved ones at Christmas. Let's all keep following the Tier guidance to ensure a safe holiday for everyone.

We are keeping classroom doors and windows open here in school to ensure good ventilation. This will continue in to the new year so it may be worth sending your child to school in an extra layer if they are feeling the chill.

We have been celebrating Christmas in a big way this year! Although we have not been able to have our usual performances, children in years 1-6 enjoyed a visit from the pantomime at the start of the month. All children have participated in lots of fun activities and this week has been party week!

This term has been eventful; we have experienced unavoidable class closures, we have altered the timings of the day, introduced an early finish with home learning on a Friday, and physically moved the Early Years Foundation Stage. I must thank you and your children for their resilience throughout.

Whilst term will finish at the earlier Friday class collection times tomorrow, I must remind you that we have a duty to act upon any positive covid test results beyond this date. If your child becomes unwell over the weekend and subsequently receives a positive test result, please email [contact@heatonparkbury.com](mailto:contact@heatonparkbury.com) immediately.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas break. Seesaw work will not be set, so you can forget the home learning for a while and we will see you all back in class on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kind Regards

Mr P J Lord, Head Teacher

### **COVID-19**

If any of your household have symptoms or are waiting for test results, DO NOT send your child to school. The whole household must isolate.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough it may be worse than normal)
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are unsure please phone NHS111 or visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**