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Dear Parents,

The children are having lots of fun and enjoying festive activities in a safe way. I spotted children planting bulbs in the playground gardens today whilst others have been making models with clay and sticks that look very like reindeer and others that look like colourful birds. All the classes are putting together some songs and recitals that will soon be available for you to see on the school website. Christmas school dinner was eagerly eaten and enjoyed with the chocolate Christmas pudding muffins being particularly popular. Thank you to Paul and his team for creating the lunch and for all the MTAs, Teachers and TAs joining the children in their lunchtime bubbles dressed in festive gear.

Contact, track and trace

As we make preparations to prepare for being at home over the Christmas holidays, please could I ask you to read carefully the contact, track and trace information below so that you can act appropriately if your child contracts Covid-19 and school can carry out the appropriate notifications to other groups within the school. I hope and pray that everybody keeps well and safe over the holidays but this is one of my responsibilities as Head of the Infant School.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the school holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after school ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Use the school email is hpis@horizonmat.com In this event, we would contact parents using the information stored on the school data system. If you need to update this, please contact the school office before the end of term.

Lip balm

Please do not send your child to school with lip balm as the temptation to share with others is too strong. We must do everything we can to keep safe and keep others safe. Thank you.

Request from Mrs Rose

Mrs Rose is looking for items to use in the Cabin of Creativity to help with den building and problem solving. Currently she would like donations of clean rope of various lengths and sizes as well as lightweight tarpaulin, again of various lengths and sizes. Please send to school in a bag and leave with me at the gate any morning next week.



Last day of term

As per my previous communication, the last day of term will be Friday 18th December. The children will return on Tuesday 5th January.

Head Teacher Challenge

I have really enjoyed setting the challenges this term and been delighted to read poems, see paintings and collage work as well as the lovely models and photographs. My challenge for this week is to create a family version of the 12 days of Christmas using 12 different things for each day. For example, on the 4th day of Christmas -4 Christmas trees, 3 cheeky elves, 2 Christmas cakes and a reindeer with a red nose. Please write it down and bring it in on a piece of paper on Monday.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the children are ready for a full and festive week of learning. Please delve into those book bags and give children the gift of reading to them or hearing them read.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher