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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say thank you to all of you who are keeping us updated about your children's health and the results of lateral flow and PCR tests. Hopefully, you will have seen our letter from last week informing you of the current situation regarding isolating and PCR testing. Since then the government have updated this guidance; from Monday 17th January, people with Covid-19 in England can end their self isolation after five days as long as they test negative on days five and six and do not have a temperature. We will of course keep you updated on the ever changing government advice. Whilst we have had reports of positive cases, please be reassured that we are following the actions outlined in our COVID risk assessment to minimise the risk of transmission.

On Monday and Tuesday, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be participating in an Art day. The artists will arrive in school and work with individual classes to produce stimulating, eye catching displays. The sessions will actively engage pupils through teaching them how to create exciting 3D collages over a two-day period. Once children have mastered the basic techniques, we hope that they will have the skills needed to design and produce their own creations in the future. We would like to thank families who have provided old newspapers, boxes, black sacks etc. Please continue to bring in items on Monday, the more materials we have, the better! Please remember to supply your child with an Art apron, or old shirt, we're expecting the children to get messy! Do look out for pictures on Twitter to see how we are getting on - We look forward to sharing the final masterpiece with you next week. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will participate in this fun event on Monday, 24th January.

We have the following exciting trips and experiences planned for our children across this half term, enhancing our amazing curriculum offer further [covid restrictions allowing]: these include

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Nursery	Bear Hunt Teddy Day	Little City in School
Year R	Pirate Day Art Installation	Ducklings in school
Year 1	Art Installation Knights and Princess Day Local Nature Walk	Hope Animal Sanctuary
Year 2	Art Installation Thomas Fariner (Great Fire of London) Zoom	Astronaut Day
Year 3	Art Installation Library Visit/Queens Theatre	Greek Day
Year 4	Art Installation RSPB Rainham Marshes	Library Visit Super Hero Movie Day Greek Day
Year 5	Art Installation Library Visit (Some classes)	Country Park Visit/ Stubbers – taster day Library Visit (Rest of class/es)
Year 6	Art Installation RAF museum Hornchurch	Olympic park Library Visit

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C D Hurley – Head Teachers Towers Infant and Towers Junior Schools

Clubs

As we continue to extend our clubs offer further, if you are aware of any providers that would benefit our children and have enhanced DBS clearance then please ask them to email the school office.

Lego

In the Infant school, we are looking for lego to use at lunchtime and in Lego Therapy sessions. If you have any spare lego that you would like to donate, please pop it into the school offices. Thank you!

Safety Online

Just a reminder, if you have not recently checked your safety features on your devices, please check them this weekend. We continue to discuss the importance of staying safe online with your children, they know what to do, if they see or hear anything that concerns them in school. We are sure you will continue to reiterate this message. Please see attached this months online safety newsletter for your information with helpful hints and tips.

Independence

This half term our BUILD value focus is Independence. Next week the children will be coming home with a green Independence letter. We are looking for you to give your children opportunities to show independence at home. If you could complete the 'green' slip, at the bottom of the page and return it to your teacher. We are keen to put them on display, both in the hall and in classrooms.

Reindeer Run

If there are any outdstanding monies from the reindeer run please can these be sent into school. Thank you!

Earrings

A polite reminder please to remove earrings for school