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Dear families…..Season's Greetings! Where has 2021 gone…… ☺

Christmas festivities have continued to fill the air with our arts and crafts afternoons this week. It has been lovely to hear the children really enjoying the Christmas spirit that fills our classrooms and halls. Our classrooms look wonderful with handmade decorations and festive cheer!

Our values shone bright once again…

May we begin by thanking all of our amazing families for united generosity shown with all the wonderful donations for the sponsored Reindeer Run. It was lovely to see the children wearing their antler hats with bright red Rudolph noses they should great determination! Please continue to send in any sponsor money after the Christmas period. Mr Pitty, Mr O'Meara and Mr Wright have done a spectacular job of organising such a fun event. Thank you!

Public Health

We hope you enjoyed our virtual Christmas performance last weekend and were able to sit down together and enjoy the dancing and singing! We understands that it would have been wonderful to perform to families in person and understand the frustration that some schools in the local area have allowed parents into the school hall, however please remember that all school sites are different and whilst we would have loved to invite families in, we are guided by the on-going guidance provided from Public Health England, DFE and the local authority. Sadly the virus is not going away and we are trying our very best to keep the school community safe during this time and we really appreciate your support with this matter – as we would love to have you share the buildings with us.

At present, all probable cases of Omicron are being investigated very intensively, and the legal requirements around isolation are greater than the current rules for general COVID. Just to make you aware of the following information: Any contact of a case of probable Omicron COVID is legally required to isolate for 10 days from the point of last contact. This is regardless of age and of vaccination status. Should a case of Omicron be linked to our school, the local authority will aim to provide as much support as possible around handling the situation, communications, and necessary public health actions. We continue to encourage staff, pupils and families to test at home for COVID and over the Christmas period in light of the rapidly increasing infection rates.

Safeguarding

We work with our families and outside agencies to safeguard our children. Our staff and families have a duty of care to report any concerns. We will always act in the best interests of the child. Our Designed Safeguarding Leads are: Ms Blurton and Mrs Hurley. Over the Christmas period, if you have any concerns, please contact the Havering Safeguarding Team on 01708 433222 (Monday to Friday) and 01708 433999 (Out of hours/weekends).

Thank you for being just amazing…

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you, sincerely for your kind and thoughtful gifts we have received, whilst they are never expected they really do mean so much to us all! As we close the 'doors' for 2021 we hope that all of our amazingly brilliant, caring, loving and respectful children, you their parents and your families alongside our brilliantly talented staff have a very happy, safe but fun filled Christmas! We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Ms L J Blurton
Head Teacher – Towers Infant

Mr M J Dineen
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs C D Hurley
Head Teacher – Towers Junior

Twitter

Twitter is up and running, please check out our Twitter page @TowersFed

Spring Term

Just a reminder the School Spring Term begins on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Diary dates

Our published diary can be found on our school website in the parents tab. Our VIP lunches will start again after the Christmas break., therefore the first lunch will be on the 12th January 2022.

Stay connected

Please remember that we still have year group emails. If you wish to contact your childs teacher please email these accounts. For any other communication sharing please use the school office email accounts e.g. sickness, change in collection arranamgements.

Reception

Just a reminder that PE lessons will officially start for Reception children in January. Your PE day will be on Thursday each week, therefore children will need to be arriving to school in their PE kit with a navy or black tracksuit. We ask that trainers have velro and not laces, unless you child can tie their laces unaided.