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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you.

As we are coming to the end of a busy autumn term, we wanted to say a huge well done to all of our pupils. We have been amazed at how they have returned to school since September. They have adapted quickly to new rules and routines, worked hard in all lessons and tackled all new challenges with enthusiasm. They really have been fantastic and are looking forward to their class Christmas parties, complete with snow machines tomorrow!

A big thank you also to all parents and carers who have worked with us in following our one-way system, supported children with home learning and been understanding of the ever-changing circumstances we can often find ourselves in. We really do appreciate it.

Although this term has inevitably been different for all of us, we have tried to incorporate some of our usual activities. We would like to thank you for your support in helping us raise £245.80 for mental health charities, £438.80 for MacMillan and £218.20 for Save The Children this term. In addition to this, we sold £1250 worth of books at the Book Fayre this term, which earned the school £700 worth of book vouchers - so thank you!

Christmas Performance.

We have enjoyed lots of fun Christmas activities in school recently and although you could not see our Christmas plays in person, Mr Wardropper and Miss Richardson have been working very hard to make sure that you can still enjoy them. Please look out for our text message tomorrow directing you to see a very special whole school Christmas performance and a message from all of the staff.

Change in dates.

As we move towards the Christmas holidays, we want to make sure that everyone stays as safe as possible. Our school is following government guidelines that were issued last week and are **closing on Thursday 17th December** and using Friday 18th as an INSET day. This now means that **all children will return to school on Monday 4th January.**

Keeping Safe.

We will be continuing to work into the Christmas holidays in order to receive notification of any positive test results that may impact upon pupils and staff in school. We therefore ask that you work with us and follow the guidelines below.

1. If a child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school AND they test positive, please email school on the address below.
2. If a child does not have symptoms but is taken for a test and they test positive AND they were in school 48 hours or less before the test was taken, please email school.

School email: farringdon@inspiremultiacademytrust.co.uk

If school is notified of a positive case that impacts upon anyone in school as a close contact, a text message will be sent to parents to notify them. We hope this is not the case and that everyone can enjoy their Christmas holidays. Please remember to keep the office updated with any changes to your telephone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact all parents with any messages, particularly given the current circumstances.

We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

C. McDermott

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Head teacher

See winter fuel letter on the reverse.

