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Dear Parent/Carer,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE END OF TERM – I would like to inform you of important information we have received today from the Local Authority regarding arrangements for the end of term.
We are all aware that these are extremely difficult times for all members of our community in Wrexham and we know that Covid-19 has impacted on many aspects of our lives.
As you are aware, many pupils across schools have continued to experience disruption to their education during this time and we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases of Covid-19 amongst children and adults in Wrexham County Borough. As a result, many children and young people have been required to self-isolate. Your continued support and understanding in this situation is greatly appreciated.
All members of the Education Community are concerned about the rise in cases and the impact this is having on children and families. It has therefore been agreed with the Local Authority that face to face learning will cease for all pupils at the **end of Wednesday 16th December** and a combination of live sessions and activity packs will be provided for the 17th and 18th December.
The local authority and our school community are absolutely committed to offering the best provision under increasingly difficult circumstances and we recognise how worrying this situation must be for you. Apologies for the inconvenience and short notice.

Arrangements for January 2021 – Due to health and safety reasons regarding our response to Covid-19, some new arrangements have been introduced since the beginning of term in September. These current arrangements will continue in January, and these will be reviewed as the situation regarding Covid-19 develops in the new year. The current daily timetable will continue.
Regarding dropping off and collection of pupils, we ask all parents/carers please for their continued co-operation with the daily timetable. With years 3-6 starting at 8.55 and finishing at 3p.m, and the Foundation Phase starting at 9.15, finishing at 2.45, it would be much appreciated if parents/carers can avoid arriving in school too early or late, as it does create additional traffic problems. Arriving no more than 5 minutes before drop-off or collection times would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Christmas Cards - If children bring Christmas cards, these will need to be in school no later than Monday 14/12/20 at the latest. These will be left in a mailbox in every class and we will then arrange for these to be delivered from all classes during the afternoon of Wednesday 16th, the last day of term. This will also apply to any gifts.

USB Christmas songs - The staff have been busy preparing a Christmas memory stick/USB for every class. Although the arrangements are different for this year, the children's performances are lovely. I am confident that you will enjoy watching these with your families over Christmas.

Progress Report - I would like to remind you that if you have not already had access to your child's report for this term, these are available through your child's Hwb account. If you need help accessing it, then please contact your child's class teacher.

Outstanding payments - As we approach the end of term, we kindly ask for all parents/carers owing any outstanding fees for school dinners, Meithrin Plus or Afterschool Club to ensure that these are paid before the end of this week (Wednesday December 16thth). We are unable to provide school dinners, a place in Meithrin Plus or afterschool club until any outstanding fees are settled. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Kevin Davies and Mrs Jackie Davies – We will be saying goodbye to Mr and Mrs Davies, or 'Jackie and Kev' at the end of this term, as both will be retiring. Mrs Davies has been a cleaner at the school for 22 years and Mr Davies has been a caretaker for 11 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their work at the school over the years. They have both been very loyal to the school, taken their responsibilities seriously and have certainly shown pride and dedication to the school. I'm sure you, like me, will want to thank them both, and wish them every happiness in their retirement.

I would therefore like to confirm that Wednesday, December 16th will be the last day of term when the children will be in school. The school will re-open for the children on **Tuesday January 5th**. Monday January 4th will be a staff training day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year, and thank you all for your support and co-operation during this challenging term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the New Year and hope that 2021 will be a year that brings us hope of an improving situation where we can hopefully look forward to arrangements that are more normal within the school and the world.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher