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Dear Parent

I am sure you will all be aware that many children and staff have been unwell over the past few weeks. I would like to ask you to ensure that if your child has a temperature or continuous cough that you keep them at home and get a PCR test. If you have any concerns that they are not well, keep them at home as we really need to stop the spread of all the illness. Please be mindful of school staff and other children with all this.

Covid update - we have had an update from Public Health to say that the Amber restrictions we are under will remain in place until the end of term. We are reading all the guidance and meeting over the next few days to make a decision about the best way forward for the Nativities. We will let you know more on this next week. We will not be holding the school Christmas Fair or our normal Carol Service. We are looking to see if we can do a short outdoor replacement but again will let you know on this next week.

Thank you for keeping to our restrictions e.g., wearing masks and not gathering together, it really does help everyone feel safer and hopefully is helping to reduce any transmission.

Children's Well-being and Mental Health Information Session, Monday 6th December -

With NHS Somerset Mental Health Support Team

Monday, 6th December at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm

Venue:H1, Huish Sixth Form, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

I really urge you to attend this session, it will be very informative and supportive. It is organised by our CLP (the group of school's we work closely with who feed into Huish) and is not something we could run ourselves.

Mental health problems affect about 1 in 6 school-age children and 50% of all mental health problems start by the age of 14. This session will help parents/guardians/carers promote good mental health, wellbeing and resilience, supporting children's physical health, positive relationships and education.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/zzmfE994hfGYUrby5>

The list of other information session is attached to this letter so you can put them in the diary!

Children In Need - Many thanks for your support for this event. We raised over £200 which will go to support children who really need it.

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PTFA Christmas Film Night, Thursday 2nd December – please sign up on Monday morning, 29th November, at the School Gate.

Parents' Evening, 7th and 8th December – Parents' Evening will be held online via School Cloud. An invitation email was sent out yesterday with a login code. You will be able to make appointments from 9am on Monday 29th November.

Flu Vaccination, 13th December – a reminder to complete the consent form before the 8th December even if you do not consent to your child having the vaccination. Here is a link to the consent form - <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east>

Christmas Books - We are attaching a list of books you might want to consider to buy for your child or other family members for Christmas. I hope that this is useful.

We also recommend you use the Bookwagon's website <https://bookwagon.co.uk/> to have a look at some up to date books, they have some great choices.

Or try <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

Dates to remember:

PTFA Bingo	:	Friday 26 th November
PTFA Film Night	:	Thursday 2 nd December
Parents' Evening	:	Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th December
Flu vaccinations	:	Monday 13 th December
Nativity - Cygnets (5pm) and Kingfisher (6pm):	:	Tuesday 14 th December
Additional School Closure Day	:	Monday 6 th June 2022

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC yourself to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds or Cheryl Park).

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Best wishes
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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