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HEADTEACHER
Mr A Johnson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another 'odd' month passes us by, in Lockdown 2.0, and whereas I would usually be reminiscing on how nice it was to catch up with you during our parent's evenings and how much I was looking forward to welcoming you into the school for our Nativity and Christingle service, sadly, none of these occasions have, or will be publically available, to mark this time of year and the usual festivities.

However, all is not lost, the children seem to approve of our Christmas lights and Tree, (my thanks to Mr Ansell for his assist in that) and staff remain keen to bring a little taste of normality and Christmas cheer to the children. Although, on reading that back, Christmas and normality would certainly never be two words commonly used together in my household! Swiftly moving on, our Reception children will be producing their own version of the Nativity, as only they can, which will be recorded and uploaded to Tapestry, so parents and carers can share in the enjoyment of that seasonal spectacle. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children will still have their own Christingle Service, which again, will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom, and all children in the school will be taking part in a Carol Competition, in a bid to find the most harmonious class in the Conifers community. This too will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom, enabling you to share in the joy of song - at least that's the fervent hope, as long as staff don't get carried away, join in and ruin the whole thing! I also foresee many an impromptu Christmas Party, and I'm sure, as these spring up, your children will eagerly inform you of the fact. Please be assured that staff will also confirm any of these celebrations. In addition to this, on our Christmas Jumper day - Friday 11th December, the whole school will be taking part (in their respective bubbles) in a School Games Santa Dash. The idea is that schools across the country will all be participating at the same time in a show of National solidarity, during a time when many are feeling isolated. Then - to the Friends of Conifers, a big thank you for donating £30 to each class in the school, which will contribute not only towards their individual parties but an online Christmas Panto which will enable them to watch a virtual, one and half hour long Pantomime that has been specifically produced for schools. Oh no it hasn't.....oh yes it has!

Both adults and children have questioned the delivery of Christmas cards and in order to do this safely we have decided on the following. Cards can be brought into school and will be deposited in our 'Giant Post-Box', where they will remain under quarantine. Please note therefore, that the very last day for cards coming into school will be Friday 11th December to enable distribution during the last week of school. No cards will be delivered or shared across the school after Friday 11th. Adults and children have also asked about bringing in presents for staff. For me that's easy - any kind of crushed red grape, captured in a bottle and corked, will be fine, thank you. Seriously though, if your children would like to bring in a Christmas present for their teacher, I know these will be gratefully received, but could you please ensure that any gifts are pre-packed.



I am, as is often the case at this time of year, reliably informed that there are only 28 sleeps 'til Christmas. I sincerely hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy it with your family and loved ones - and as ever, thank you for your continued support.

School closes this year for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
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**It is at these moments that children are "saying" to parents:
"This feeling inside me... it feels too much.
Please tell me that it's not too much for you,
that you can manage it, that you can stay here with me...
this is the only thing I need because then,
over time, I'll believe that I can handle this feeling.
If my feelings don't scare you,
then over time they won't scare me...
and this is how I will learn how to regulate.**

Dr. Becky at Home

Food Bank Vouchers

A member of the safeguarding team can issue vouchers for the local food bank. If you are in need of a voucher to feed your family, please contact the school office or email the safeguarding team directly safeguarding@conifers.dorset.sch.uk

You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to claim the food bank voucher.

Children in Need

The children and staff enjoyed celebrating this year's Children in Need appeal. The different year groups had great fun completing challenges linked to 'Act Your Age'. Thank you all for taking part. Some year groups joined Joe Wicks in the final 20 minutes of his 24 hour PE Challenge and watched him complete his fantastic challenge!

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week took place during the week beginning 16th November. All year groups acknowledged this week by completing lessons in class around anti-bullying and friendships.

Drive in Nativity

Attached to this email with the Newsletter is a Poster promoting a 'Drive In' Nativity, at Weymouth Park and Ride Car Park. Please take a look.

