



18th December 2020

Information update for Parents



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*May you have
the gladness of
Christmas
which is hope;*



*The spirit of
Christmas
which is peace;*



*The heart of
Christmas
which is love.*

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of the Autumn Term and I feel grateful to you all for your positive attitude and support, which has enabled me to concentrate on running the school during this difficult time.

The pandemic has affected us all in different ways, as we have responded to a situation that is largely out of our control. Being at school each day has provided us with a structure and a normality which we have been fortunate to have.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Class Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Administrative staff, who have all put their own concerns and anxieties to one side, in order to provide the best opportunities for the children.

Your children have been wonderful this term, ever enthusiastic, optimistic and amusing; it has been a pleasure to see them each day!

At the beginning of the academic year, I told you that my aim was to keep the whole school open this term, and I'm pleased to tell you that, by working together, we have been able to achieve this.

As we approach Christmas, a season of peace and hope, I wish you a happy and restful time with your families and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Christina Singh

Headteacher



Reminder: Message to all parents from Hertfordshire Local Authority

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) up to and including Christmas Eve (24th December), please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

Please contact admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk with the subject heading 'Positive covid 19 test'.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus



Virtual Carol Service

This service can be accessed [here](#) (it is the third presentation in the list) and on the school's facebook page.

Many thanks to the children who took part in our virtual carol service; they read and sang beautifully! We are looking forward to being able to include all the children once again next year.

Readers:

Anushree, Sebastian, Verushka, Billy and Ashley

Soloist:

Ousainou (Oak class)



Rowan choir:

Tia (soloist), Billy, Max and Ashley

Poplar choir:

Emily (soloist), Aurelia, Phoebe and Haaniya

Accompanist:

Mrs Agnew

I hope you enjoy it!

Virtual Singer of the Year competition 2020



We were delighted to be able to hold our annual Singer of the Year competition yesterday.

The children rose to the challenge of being filmed while they sang, and the recordings were shown to all the children in their separate classrooms.

Many congratulations to all the children who entered the competition, were chosen for the final and those who won their year group competition.

Many thanks to Mrs Agnew who prepared the children and accompanied them on the piano.

We are indebted to Mr Watts who has filmed our Christmas events.

You can watch the competition [here](#) (it is the second presentation in the list)

I hope you enjoy it!

Goodbye to Mrs Higginson and Final Achievement Assembly 2020



In this week's assembly, I was joined by Rowan and Poplar class (at a social distance in a well ventilated hall), to wish Mrs Higginson a happy retirement and to thank her for all she has done during her 41 years at the school. The children will be shown this recording in their classrooms, and you can also access it [here](#) and on the school's facebook page:

I hope you enjoy it,



Christina Singh

Headteacher

