



Tuesday 7th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Postponement of Year 2 to Year Y6 PTA Magic Shows and Discos

I do hope that you are well, although I am obviously all too aware of increased cases of Covid-19 within our community. I do hope that those who have tested positive aren't feeling too poorly.

While we are all really disappointed at not being able to invite parents into school, please be assured that the children are enjoying some lovely Christmas activities. As I write this, the Reception children are performing "A Miracle in Town" and I can hear other children singing carols. Our hall looks glorious with our Christmas tree and all the Christmas hoops that each class and Hedgerows have made.

We continue to review the situation with Covid here at school and closely monitor the number of cases, as well as the symptoms children are displaying. Please read my other letter sent with this PMX. As such, and in discussion with the PTA Committee, we have taken the difficult, but necessary decision to **postpone the Year 2 to Year 6 events that have been organised for after school next week**. In short, the reason for this is that it seems rather reckless to get all the children together for additional activities right before Christmas. Things are difficult enough with regards to the 'usual school day' with higher than normal levels of absence, both staff and children and lots of other staff feeling poorly. As of today, we have 30 positive cases (compared to 23 when I wrote to you on 30th November 2021).

The Reception and Year 1 Magic Shows, scheduled for during the school day, WILL go ahead. This is because of their timing within the school day and also because this is no different from the children rehearsing and performing their Christmas productions in the hall together as a year group which is what they have been doing. Also, our junior children are only getting together as a full cohort outdoors at present. Additionally, the Reception and Year 1 activities are staffed by teachers, whereas the after school activities would require additional PTA helpers.

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To confirm, most after school clubs have now finished, with only the following that WILL be going ahead due to them either being outdoors or in smaller separate year groups:

Tuesday 7th December – Year 4 Dance

Friday 10th December – Year 4 Chess

Monday 13th December – Year 1 Mini Tennis and Year 2 Mini Tennis

Wednesday 15th December – Year 3 Mini Tennis

I do hope that parents will understand that decisions such as these are never taken lightly. I totally appreciate that rules outside of the education setting are different and that some parents will disagree with this decision. However, I hope that parents will understand and remember that the health and safety of all concerned is paramount and that I will not be able to respond to individual emails about this.

We are going to be making arrangements to re-schedule these events and ask that parents don't request refunds at this stage and bear with us until a new date is confirmed. Clearly we will need to assess the situation with Covid early in the new year. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding – stay safe and well.

Kind regards

Louise Wood

Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher



School Christmas Tree



Example of a Christmas Hoop