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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas period, I thought it would be helpful to remind you of some dates, and let you know about some of the things happening here in school.

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 15th December. As you can appreciate, it will take a huge effort from all our kitchen and lunchtime staff, but we are confident we can make it as special as ever. It would really help us if you could order your dinner as soon as possible, and **no later** than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The menu is enclosed with this letter.

Because of the circumstances, we are having to do Christmas cards a little differently this year. We are going to encourage the children not to send cards to each other (and they will not be able to post cards in school to children in other year groups), but instead bring a donation in on Friday 11th December, when we will be having our Christmas Jumper Day. We will be sharing the proceeds with Compton Hospice and the Good Shepherd, and we think this would be a great way for the children to contribute and a worthy substitute for giving cards.

School will close at normal time on Friday 18th December. Monday 4th January will be an INSET day, so your child will return to school Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Just a quick reminder to all parents (and especially pupils from Year 6!) to stick to the time allocations for your entrance and exit from school. Getting here early is causing congestion issues and you have a 15 minute slot to get into school. There is no need to come early and queue.

You will be receiving communications about the events we are having in school for Christmas this year. Many of these involve recording the children and posting them so everyone can get access to them. Please can you ensure you give us the permissions to do this, otherwise we will not be able to share the wonderful things we are doing here at Woodfield.

Can we ask any parent who thinks they may qualify for Free School Meals, to please apply for them. We can do this for you, we just need your date of birth and National Insurance number. As you know, the school receives additional funding for these pupils and, in the current climate, any additional funding is welcome. This is not the same as the universal free school meal that every infant child receives. Please come and see us if you need us to help you with this.

I will write to you again before the end of term, and I am sure you will receive information from your teachers detailing what is happening in class, but it only remains for me to say again how marvellous the staff and children have been; we should all be very proud of the way we have maintained our quality and care during this period. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury Headteacher