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Newsletter - Friday 18th December 2020

Whinfield's Right of the Week is: Article 14 - Freedom of thoughts and religion

Christmas holidays:

School closes today and re-opens to pupils on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Merry Christmas:

We have nearly arrived at the end of a very long and complex year. Like all of you, we had no idea what 2020 would bring and hasn't it been completely unpredictable!!

The children have been amazing and we are so proud of the resilience they have shown. They have adapted to new routines and expectations and been a credit to you.

Firstly, thank you for the support you have given to us as a school. We have had to change so many routines and you have helped us put these in place.

Secondly, we wish you a very Happy Christmas. We will all be celebrating in a different way this year but please enjoy whatever you do. Stay safe and we will see you all in 2021. All of our good wishes for 2021 to all of you.

Christmas 2020 PowerPoint:

Visit our school Facebook page to watch our fantastic Christmas PowerPoint. Remember to turn up the volume to listen to the Christmas music and voice-over! We hope you enjoy!

COVID Notifications over the Christmas Holidays.

It is vital that ALL parents/carers and staff follow this guidance.

The Department for Education have acknowledged this week that school leaders, teachers and staff have worked tirelessly across the COVID period. This work has included the important role which they have played in contact tracing helping in the national effort to limit the spread of the virus. This has often included additional work over weekends and holidays.

As we head towards the end of this term schools are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. Therefore; positive cases of COVID during the 2 week Christmas holidays **MUST** be reported to school so we can continue to support the Track and Trace system as directed by the Government. If your child or a member of staff receives a positive COVID test you must email admin@whinfield.net or message us using the School Gateway App. Please ensure you state the name, class, date that symptoms started and the date of the positive test result.

Please **DO NOT RING** the school office as the building will be closed so telephone messages will not be received. In the event school receives notification of a positive test we will contact all close contacts to self-isolate in line with Government guidance. Please make sure you check your emails, School gateway, Facebook page, website etc. regularly for updates over the holiday period.

Childcare from 1st January 2021:

Spring term sessions are now available on the School Gateway to book:

- **Breakfast** will operate 8.am to start of school and will cost £2.50 per session. (whilst we receive the Greggs grant this will reduce to £2.30 per session).
- **After school** will operate end of school to 5.30pm and will cost £10.00 per session.