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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally at the end of term. I know the children and staff are looking forward to the Christmas break. Can I take this opportunity to wish all King's Oak families a very merry Christmas and happy new year. In school the children have been undertaking a range of exciting activities to mark this special time of year. I would also like to thank the committed staff for their fantastic efforts in organising these events:

- The 'Jolly Jamboree' was a great opportunity for the children to spend behaviour tokens on a range of amazing activities set up and organised by Miss Franks and some of the Year 6 children. The children loved the event and one pupil from Year 4 said to me, "This is brilliant because the better you behave the more tokens you get - that's fair!"



- Children have also enjoyed singing Carols on the playground and I know parents appreciated the festive cheer that they brought. Thanks again to all the staff who worked hard with the children to prepare these.



Staff Changes:

Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Esposito who has been at the school for an amazing 25 years! We also say goodbye to Mrs Kennedy who is leaving us to move onto new opportunities. She has been with the school for an incredible 17 years! We are all grateful for their contributions to the school. Both will be greatly missed and we all wish them every success for the future.

We are excited to welcome some new staff to the school from January, Miss Barrow will be joining us as a teacher in the Access to Learning Provision. We will also be welcoming Mr Sheppard who will be joining us for 2 days in Year 5, as Mrs Ryan will be reducing her time in school to 3 days. I am excited to welcome them both to the school to enhance the provision for the children.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th January - this is the first day back after the Christmas holiday

Friday 22nd July - this is now a non school day. This is because of the Queen's Jubilee falling in the May half term and us needing to put an additional day in for this.

Covid Signs - reminder

As a reminder to everyone, the main symptoms and signs of Covid 19 remain:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

As well as these, early warning signs include, but are not exclusive to:

- Headache
- Upset stomach and/or stomach ache
- Sickness
- Runny nose (this is a symptom more common with the Delta variant)
- Feeling achy
- Extreme tiredness

If your child, or a member of the household are showing any of these symptoms, it is really important that the person showing symptoms isolates and accesses a PCR test. If this comes back positive, all who have been in contact with the positive person will need to access a PCR test. The new guidance states that close contacts who are not symptomatic do not need to isolate while waiting for their result **but they should now do a Lateral Flow Test for 7 days. Staff will be reminding parents of the importance of this to keep the school community safe, and we are here to support anyone with any questions around this.** See updated parental flowchart below (and also sent to you separately) for more information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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