



**THANK YOU!**

There is no doubt in my mind that this has been one of the most challenging terms I have experienced since becoming Head of Hall Green in September 2003. However, there is also no doubt in my mind that I would have struggled to get through it without the incredible support that I have had.

I would therefore like to thank all the staff who have been on hand to help at a moment's notice, no matter what the job, whilst still doing their utmost to find ways of closing the learning gaps that grew during lockdown.

I also want to thank all of the parents who have shown their appreciation for what we have tried to do and understood that we have done our best. Those quick calls of "thank-you" have meant so much to me over the past weeks, so THANK YOU!

**Christmas wishes from the Chair of Governors**

Please look on our website for a letter to all parents and staff from our new Chair of Governors Mrs Wendy Lamb.

This is also a very good opportunity for me to thank those incredible governors who have been so supportive this term and been prepared to give so much during some very difficult times – thank you so very much.

**COVID communications over Christmas.**

Unfortunately it will continue to be important for us to keep our eye on the COVID ball over the holiday period and this means I need to plan for the event of someone (staff, parent, child) testing positive during the holiday period.

Should your child test positive over Christmas, it is still crucial that you inform the appropriate people so that all the necessary measures can be put into place.

If this should happen during the 48hrs after we break up (i.e. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December), please email me [kim.heng@hallgreenprimary.co.uk](mailto:kim.heng@hallgreenprimary.co.uk) as I will still need to assist the Track and Trace system by contacting any children or adults who may have been in contact with your child.

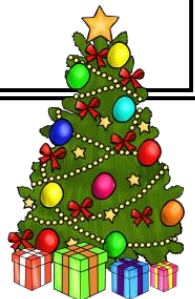
After this 48hr period, please just follow the standard Public Health instructions that you will be given when you are informed of the positive result.

It goes without saying that no child should be sent back to school in the new year if they have had a positive test within the previous 10 days or are showing any of the key symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell).

Lets hope that there is no reason to worry about any of this and that we all return safe and well.

Please also see the attached letter from the Local Authority.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas &  
A Happy New Year!**



### **'Flu Immunisations**

We have been told that nurses will not be able to return to school to catch up with those children who did not have the immunisation when they were in school in early December.

However, in the new year they will be arranging a Saturday when parents can book an appointment for their child to be immunised.

We will let you know as soon as we are given any further details.

### **Dinner Money and FSM Vouchers**

Don't forget that the cost of a school meal is £2.40 per day or £12 per week. Please ensure money is paid on time.

If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 they are entitled to a school meal at no cost at all (Universal Free School Meals or UFSM). However, unless you are receiving certain benefits and have claimed your entitlement to actual Free School Meals (FSM) you are not entitled to vouchers to cover holiday periods.

If your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6, school meals cost £2.40 per day unless you are eligible and have claimed for FSM.

Anyone with children in YR to Y6 who is currently claiming for FSM will be receiving £15 of shopping vouchers per child for each week of the holiday. I have completed the registration process, sent payment and am just awaiting validation before I can allocate the vouchers to families. I will do this as soon as I get confirmation and hope that this will be before the end of the week. Please be patient and

**PLEASE CLAIM FOR FSM IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE** (forms available at the school office).

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day – School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Evening (virtual or phone calls)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils break up for half term.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Week
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Pupils return to school