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*"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"*
John 10 v 10

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Dear Parents,

Health in school: Please be aware that we have several chicken pox cases across the school.

Thank you for following the government's Covid procedures and helping to keep our school community safe. We are continuing to follow the guidance from the government and the local authority. If new cases do occur, we will now keep you informed of any cases in your child's year group. You can get a PCR test for your child if you are concerned they have been in close contact with a case. We realise that this is a worrying time for everyone but we are following all the current guidance by keeping the school well-ventilated, social distancing where possible and encouraging regular handwashing. Staff are now wearing masks around school. Please feel free to wear a mask when you are on the school site and social distance where possible.

Due to Covid rates and related illnesses both locally and in school and the uncertainty surrounding the new variant in the country, we have made the extremely difficult decision to hold our Christmas Carols and Celebrations online this year. We know that this will be disappointing to you, as it is for us, but we have to put the safety of our school community and families first. The class videos will be posted on Class Dojo in the last week of term for you to enjoy and we hope that this way everyone will get to see the splendid performances. Thank you for your understanding with this. We have lots of Christmas fun planned with Christmas parties, a carol service with Rev'd Jim, Christmas lunch and lots of Christmas treats coming up!

Adverse weather: Well done for getting safely to school yesterday! A big thank you to Mr Clapham for clearing a safe path for everyone. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the procedures we have in place in the event of snow:

a) Procedures for the start of the school day: Every attempt will be made to open the school as normal during adverse weather conditions, but as a number of staff have substantial distances to travel to school this may not always be feasible. Where it is impossible to ensure the health and safety of the children, a decision will be made by to either close or delay the start of the school day. You will be informed of this via a text message.

b) Procedures for deteriorating weather throughout the school day: Should the weather deteriorate as the day progresses and parents are concerned about the health & safety of their children, please use your discretion and if felt necessary, collect your child(ren) from school.

If a decision is made to ask parents to collect pupils from school, a text message will be sent. Parents are asked therefore to ensure mobile phones are switched on during periods of severe and inclement weather.

School will remain open until the last child safely leaves the building. We ask that parents do not telephone school to check if we are closing as the telephone lines may be needed in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for assisting us with our procedures which ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff in school.

Online safety: At school, the children learn about e-safety and how to use the internet securely. We have been alerted about an online chat platform called OMEGLE which is largely unregulated making it extremely dangerous. Please be aware of this platform and talk to your children about the dangers of using such websites. As always, please check your children's devices regularly, monitor their internet use and most importantly, keep conversations open with them about online behaviour. If you have any worries about your

child's cyber safety, there is useful information on the NSPCC website or of course, you can contact the school for support.

Parking: Just a polite reminder, please don't park or turn in Thackley Grange (the new development on Boothroyd Drive) and be respectful to all our local residents.

Water bottles: Please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle every day. To reduce our single use plastic, we will no longer be providing children with a water bottle if they forget to bring one from home.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Pouncey

Interim Head

