

#### **Chestnuts Primary School**

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Dear Families.

Well what a term! Thank you so much for your endless support through these crazy times. It has been a truly exceptional year but I am so glad that we have made it! Please take some time over the holidays to rest and relax if you can.

### Positive test result over the holidays

I will continue to inform families of any positive cases that affect the school community. If your child tests positive within 48 hours of being in school please let us know <u>here</u>. It is vital that you let us know as soon as possible. Please also continue to fill this is in over the holidays if your child tests positive to allow us to plan for our return in January.

#### **School street**

We were the first school in Haringey to launch our 'COVID-19' school street. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for getting this up and running. If you are able to spare an hour or 2 this half term, please do volunteer to support the school street. Sign up is here: school street volunteers

I know this initiative is making our children much safer around the school.

# Friday afternoons

A few parents have asked about the closure at lunchtime on Friday and what the future holds for this. Following discussions with governors this week we have agreed that things will continue as they have been until at least February half term. We have found it a very successful model for there to be an allocated 'extra' member of staff to each year group. We have had a number of teachers who have not been in school due to COVID related reasons (no positive cases yet!) and this has provided us with cover within the 'bubble'. This member of staff is also able to support with the catch up needed for the year group. Having this extra member of staff for each year group has meant that we have been able to keep the school running as smoothly as possible in times of staff shortages.

We will continue to run childcare on Friday afternoons but do need your support if you are able to collect your child at lunchtime.





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# Christmas/Winter celebration assemblies

I was so impressed with the quality of the performances put together this year. I know that children and staff worked really hard so thank you and well done to each and every one!

# **Return to school**

School starts again for children on Tuesday 5th January. The same start and end times to the school day will apply.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Haringey public Health. Please read their advice and follow it to support us all in staying safe and well over the holiday period. Wishing you all a relaxing break and stay safe,

Mrs Horwood

