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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately due to the current numbers of coronavirus in our school and wider community, we have had to take the difficult decision to postpone our Christmas Fair this week. This won't come as a surprise to many of you and will possibly be a relief to many parents as well. It is not a decision that we've taken lightly but one made following advice from The Department of Education and the Local Authority.

I am really disappointed that we have to postpone the fair and I know many people will have been looking forward to it. By postponing the fair, it means we stand a better chance of ensuring our other Christmas events can go ahead. Please see additional information regarding the raffle below.

We are still aiming to hold performances of our **KS1 Nativity** and to be able to invite parents to attend. We are now adding an extra performance so that we can offer a live performance to reduced audience numbers. These will be held on:

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December at 2pm. A further letter will be sent to parents and carers letting them know how to book their tickets in the next few days.

We will now be holding our **KS2 carol service at school**. It will be outside and we are calling it **Carols by Lantern Light**. This will be held on Wednesday 8th December at 5.30pm with a reserve date of 9th December in case of bad weather. As this event is outside we do not believe we will need to limit the numbers of attendees at this time.

**Christmas Parties** will be held in our class groups. These will take place on Thursday 16th December.

The Christmas Fair is very much only postponed. Our PAKSA team have been working this term to build contingency into their preparations just in case we needed to move the date of the fair. The new date of the Fair is March 25th which will coincide nicely with Spring and Mothering Sunday.

**Mufti Day:** We were meant to be having a mufti day this Thursday. This will still go ahead. After having spoken to our house captains who agree it's a "bit rubbish" that we've got to postpone the fair, we've also decided to make Friday a Mufti day as well, for everyone. This means that those who have Forest School on Thursday or Friday can still get to wear their mufti clothes.





**PAKSA Treat:** PAKSA would like to bring a sweet treat along to the children on either Thursday or Friday. They are very keen that everyone is included and have asked if it is possible to drop a sweet treat to homes of those who are isolating at home or unwell. If you would like this to happen, please contact the office to let us know that you are happy to share your address.

**Raffle:** In other news, the main raffle will still go ahead this week. The raffle is always a big fundraiser and tickets are still available to buy at the end of the school day in the car park. There are some amazing prizes on offer - please do buy some tickets if you can! Because of laws relating to raffles, the main raffle must be drawn this Friday. It will be drawn live at school at 4pm on Friday. The draw will be broadcast via a google meet on the following link:

<https://meet.google.com/huf-rkoz-wjr>

PAKSA are currently working on a plan for the Children's Raffle which will include the Nintendo Switch OLED Package.

As always, the staff team, children and I are so grateful to our parents, carers, families and community for the words of support we are receiving at the moment. I know that by continuing to work together we can still have a happy, fun festive month.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie King  
Head Teacher

