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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term and calendar year, I want to take a moment to reflect on, and appreciate, the hard work and dedication of all of the staff at Kingshurst Primary School during these difficult times. As a school, we have had to adapt quickly to constant changes and guidance, remote learning and expectations for running the school in a very different way due to the current pandemic. All of the staff here, in every single role, have gone above and beyond and worked tirelessly to ensure we could continue to provide education and adhere to all safety measures. Most of the work that goes into running the school is unseen by most but I can assure you all it takes a huge team effort for this to work effectively.

As I have said many times, I am still tremendously impressed by, and proud, of the children. They have continued to adapt to the changes and routines; their positivity and resilience is something to celebrate. For some year groups, there has been some disruption due to bubble closures. The attitude and effort from most when accessing the remote learning has been excellent and has enabled us to easily continue the learning when they return to school.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have supported their children with their remote learning – it really makes a huge difference when you support this. Thank you for continuing to send your children to school to ensure they can continue with their education and social and emotional development. It is really important that all children attend school.

We envisage changes to the current guidance in January, any changes will be communicated with you as appropriate.

A reminder that the isolation period is now 10 days not 14.

Staffing

I would like to formally introduce a new member of staff, Mrs Fryer, to the school. Mrs Fryer joins our inclusion team as Behaviour and Pastoral Manager. I am really pleased to say that Mrs Fryer has made a really positive impact on the school already, supporting children and parents.

Mrs Ellis-O'Brien has left school this month to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best at this exciting time and look forward to her return next year.

Facemasks

We still need you to wear a mask or face covering on the school grounds at all times. It is is disappointing that some are not following this please do so as it is only for a short time and will help to keep others safe at more crowded times. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported this over the last few weeks to keep all of our families and staff as safe as possible.

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The children have celebrated Christmas within their bubbles this year and have enjoyed different, virtual events over the last couple of weeks. I know the children have really enjoyed creating different Christmas performances for you all which will be shared with parents/carers by the end of today.

Please note, teachers will not be communicating via Class DOJO during the Christmas holidays or checking messages. Should you need to contact school about any positive cases of Coronavirus, please email the school email address or complete the contact form on our website. https://www.kingshurst.solihull.sch.uk/contact-details/ This information was communicated in yesterday's letter.

I hope you all have a happy and fun-filled Christmas. It may be a different type of Christmas for those of us who celebrate it this year. However, I hope you all have chance to spend time with your families during the festive period and celebrate together.

I wish for a prosperous, healthy and happy new year for you all and sincerely hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us with less disruption and positive times ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hunter

Headteacher