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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update Letter 08.12.21

I have spoken to many of you over the last few weeks and can I say thank you for how well you are working with us to help manage the current situation. I am pleased to tell you that the staffing situation has stabilized and we almost have a full complement of staff again. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms in your children and continue to do a Lateral Flow test twice a week.

Staffing Update

Sadly, in December we say a fond farewell two members of staff who are leaving our school.

Lesley Carneiro, our AHT/SENDCo, has family overseas that she hasn't seen for years and will soon be flying off to Argentina. We wish you well Lesley.

Deirdre Waller-Box, our long-serving Head of Music, is working with the Camden Music Service and Brass Bands England. Deirdre's work at STMP spans many years as many of you know. Due to her expertise, the quality of music provision in the school and the partnerships beyond have meant that our children LOVE all things music. Deirdre - you have left huge shoes to fill and a legacy that won't be forgotten.

We are pleased to welcome **Annabel Tuckey** as the schools SENDCo. Annabel is having a handover with Lesley this week and starts her new post on 10th January. Annabel is an experienced SENDCo and brings with her research knowledge and experience in similar schools in inner-London: a warm welcome in advance Annabel.

We are still recruiting a music teacher - the bar has been set very high by Deirdre and only the best will do for our children. Band and peri-lessons will all continue in the Spring term and once we find a suitable replacement, we will make sure we introduce her/him to you all.

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Holiday Provision STMP

Children registered for free school meals will be able to attend the Camden HAF WINTER PROGRAMME taking place at school from 20th-23rd December. This offers free activities and healthy meals with a strong focus on safety, wellbeing, playing and learning. The provision will follow government guidelines about the current restrictions. Please phone 0750 6245769 or email info@legacysportsinternational.com / <https://haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk/>

Christmas Jumper Day 2021

Along with the children's Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 14th December**, the whole school will take part in our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day'. This day is designed to raise money for charity.

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper but if you do not own one then you are asked to dress in Christmas colours such as red or green.

This is a **non-uniform day** and we ask that each child brings in £1.00.

Lastly, the final newsletter of 2021 will come to you next Friday.

Take care until then,

Jules Belton



Headteacher