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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening

Due to lockdown, we have had to have R-Y6 parents evening on Zoom. The feedback from the staff is that this worked very well. We know it isn't the same as a face-to-face meeting but we have all had to adjust to working more in the 'remote world'. I just want to say thank you for your part in making the meetings work. If you couldn't make the meeting, your teacher will contact you to set one up. We are very proud of our 100% attendance at parents evenings and don't wish the current circumstances to affect your ability to speak with your child's teacher. We know how much you and the staff value these conversations.

Staffing News

Sadly, we are saying farewell to two members of staff at the end of this term.

Miss Galvin, our Year 1 teacher, is returning home to Australia. Her family are very pleased to have her home but we will all miss her very much and wish her the best of luck. Australia is very far away but we hope that she will keep in touch and let us know about life down under. We are currently recruiting for a teacher to join our team and will, of course, let you know who that will be. We take recruitment very seriously and are searching for exactly the right person to fit the bill.

Mrs Child, who has served the school for *thirty years*, is retiring. It is impossible to summarise the huge contribution she has made to the school community; how many children she has made difference to, how many parents, teachers, Head teachers and Governors, over the years, have been grateful for her work. I, for one, am struggling to comprehend how the school will feel without her in January but after thirty-years' service, Mrs Child deserves a long, healthy and happy retirement and I know you join us in sending her a resounding THANK YOU for everything she has done for the school.

School Safety

Thank you for trying to maintain social distancing at school drop-off and pick up. We are grateful that many of you wear masks at these times ; Camden LA fully endorse schools requesting that parents do this. Any measure that we can put in place which keeps us all safe makes sense.

Flu Vaccine

We were expecting this on Monday 16th but were cancelled on due to delays in the service. This has now been rescheduled for **Tuesday 24th November**.

Nativity and Christingle

This year we are videoing the Y2 Nativity and putting the video on the school website for you all to see! The children will be watching it on Zoom from their classrooms on the 16th December. Christingle will take place in class as well-all of the children will have the opportunity to make their Christingle Oranges and sing the Christingle song. We need your permission for the video to go on the website. We are sending a letter out on Monday 23rd November. **Please return the permission slip or your child will only feature on the audio recording and not be in the video.**

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December will be Christmas jumper / non-uniform day. We are collecting money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital this year and ask all children to donate a pound to this most magnificent and life-saving hospital.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Jules Belton
Head Teacher