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Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I just begin by thanking you all for the positive comments about our Winter Walk. It was a lovely day, despite the weather during the afternoon and I am sure you will agree that the donkeys Hobo and Bandit were a big hit.

However, I am also writing to inform you that in light of yesterday's announcement by the Government giving schools the power to make the last day of term Friday 18th December an INSET Day we have decided to follow this advice. This means the last day of term will now be Thursday 17th December, however **children will return to school on Monday 4th of January** as this day will no longer be an INSET Day.

We fully realise this is very short notice and unfortunately may cause some inconvenience. It has been made purely to try and support everyone to have the family Christmas which is so well deserved.

Regarding reporting arrangements of symptoms or a positive Covid Test over the holiday period, please read the following information.

- If a child tests positive or develops symptoms during the first 48 hours after school closes up to Saturday 19th December parents should contact school on the above email address.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since leaving school on Thursday evening (this period will start on Sunday 20th December), the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Further arrangements for next week-

As you are aware The Year4/5 Christmas party has been changed to Thursday 17th December, therefore Christmas Film Day for Y4/5 only will be on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas Film Day for the rest of the school will be as planned on Thursday 17th December.

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Kind Regards, Mrs McBeth















