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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the last week of term! Thank you for all you have done to play your part to keep everyone safe.

### **Festive fun!**

We have planned some wonderful activities and experiences for the children for the last week of term. Each class will have their Christmas lunch in the dining hall on their allocated day and the children in this class will be able to wear a Christmas jumper on that day if they have one.

Day	Class group
Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Reception
Thursday	Year 3
Friday	Year 2

Next week FOLS will be providing all the children with a Christmas craft pack filled with Christmas craft activities for them to complete. They have also funded a virtual pantomime for the children to watch during the last week of term whilst they enjoy individual party snacks. However the thing we are most excited about are Santa's reindeer visiting Layston on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December! Each class will have a chance to feed the reindeer and learn all about them and their natural habitat. We can't wait! Thank you FOLS!

### **Nativity and carols**

Your children have performed and sung a carol to tell the story of the Nativity. These are available to view on the website by clicking on Home then Christmas 2020.





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**Covid testing during the Christmas holiday period.**

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk) - **this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school.** Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during Christmas term.

**Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.**

**Main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

**Please do not send children back school if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide)

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes  
Adele McMurrough  
Headteacher

