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Dear Families,

It is so good to be back with the children; this week has been all it should be in an infant school in December. Everyone is really enjoying the feeling of normality that something as familiar as Christmas brings. We have embraced this and gone all glitter and glue a little earlier than usual this year.

The arrival of Christmas trees, wooden reindeers, baking Christmas cakes, writing letters to Santa and making some beautiful cards for our school neighbours have been just some of the activities the children have enjoyed! It has all been brilliant fun. My thanks to Clandon Garden Centre for providing half price trees, to those parents who organised the order and delivery and to Lucy for the fabulous reindeer!

Christmas Reminders:

What	When	Details
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10 th December	Children can come to School in a festive Christmas jumper. We would be very grateful for a voluntary donation of £1 to the PSC.
Reindeer Run	Wednesday 16 th December	Please collect your sponsors and return your envelope to School by the end of term.
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16 th December	It will be delicious!
Santa's Little Helpers	Monday 14 th December.	Please remember to send in small gift donations to be used to stock Santa's shop. Please send your child to school with £1 (in a named purse or envelope) to spend on a gift.
Father Christmas comes to School	Friday 18 th December	It's a surprise so please keep it a secret!

If you don't have a jumper for Christmas jumper day, please contact the School Office and we will make sure we allocate you one of the jumpers that have been gifted to the PSC (info@shere.surrey.sch.uk).

The last day of term is Friday 18th December, when both School and Nursery finish at 3pm.

Social Distancing:

The importance of social distancing cannot be overstated. There are still too many adults not observing this rule in the mornings and at pick up. This week there have been positive cases of Covid19 in our community. To protect one another, including the children, please keep a 2 metre distance at all times.

Please also use the entrance assigned to your class bubble so that adults and children are not mixing. I know this is trickier if you have children in different bubbles, but this week there have been a number of parents standing in the early years' entrance or on the playground who only have children in Key Stage One; please don't put other's at risk.

School Council:

Today has been very eventful as elections took place for our School Council 2021. Members of the School Council work with the Head teacher to develop and improve our school, so this is a very important job. (there are badges)! The children were asked to vote for a peer with the following attributes:

- Good at listening to others
- A confident public speaker
- Full of great ideas

I am pleased to announce our new School Councillors for 2021; congratulations on your election and I look forward to our first meeting in January.

Treasurer	Lochie Harris
Chair Person	Safiya Bray
Secretary	Layla Bottomly
Year Two Rep	Lola-Rose Pilgrim Harland
Year One Rep	Emily Colledge
Year One Rep	George Hewett

Pandemics and Small Schools:

The associated costs of running a school during a pandemic have been staggering. From additional cleaning and soap to covering staff absence, it really does stack up. This week I joined a group of head teachers of small schools in sending a letter of challenge to the Local Authority and Guilford Diocese. We outlined the challenges that we felt are specific to small schools.

Lots of parents have volunteered to support the school with increased costs. If you would like to help we would welcome donations of boxes of tissues and antibacterial soap, please. Many thanks in advance.

Finally, a big thank you to Lucy for organising a brilliant Quiz Night last week. It really cheered up a dark Friday evening in lockdown and raised much needed funds for our School!

It has been great to catch up with you all this week. Next week I will be at Clandon School, then back to Shere for the last week of term. Remember when I am not at Shere, you can always contact me via email head@shere.surrey.sch.uk, by telephone: Clandon School 01483 222442 or arrange a Zoom meeting with me.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Vicky