



Dear Families

I can't wait to get back to see you all next week; I am especially looking forward to seeing the children! It seems that 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 and Christmas Tree Assembly marked the start of our celebrations and there is plenty more to look forward to. Our thanks to Clandon Garden Centre for gifting the school a magnificent Christmas tree.

Christmas Reminders:

What	When	Details
Christmas Jumper Day 	Friday 11 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 PTFA.
Reindeer Run 	Friday 11 th December	Please collect your sponsors and return your envelope to school by the end of term.
Christmas Lunch 	Friday 11 th December	It will be delicious! Don't forget to order your meal by midnight on Saturday, 5 th on the Innovate website.

Big Thanks to...

Our school community has grown beautifully this term, with so many parents showing their support for our little school. This feeling of community is what small schools are all about. Through working together, we benefit the school but most importantly we demonstrate to our children that a small group of dedicated people, working together can do great things!

With this in mind I have some special people to thank. Firstly, to everyone who helped on the playground, what a difference you have made; it looks terrific. A special thanks to Andy for his amazing help in creating a base for the shed, breaking up concrete, collecting mud kitchens and offering brilliant advice throughout the process!

Huge thanks to Georgina Healey, who has provided Christmas craft packs for all the children at Clandon, what a kind gesture.

Thanks also to Sam Howe for creating two beautiful Christmas wreaths for both Shere and Clandon.

We are so lucky to have such a loving community.

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 headteachers of small schools in sending a letter of challenge to the Local Authority and Guildford Diocese. We outlined the challenges that we feel 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 and also thank you to Mrs Taylor for your generous donation of tissues earlier in the term.

Flu Vaccinations:

A quick reminder that those children with permission will be receiving their nasal flu vaccination on Monday 7th December.

Permissions for our Carol Concert:

There are still a large number of outstanding permission slips for children to be photographed or included in the video of our carol concert. We would like to be able to record this to share with you, but this can't happen without your consent and these children will not be included in photographs or the video. Please complete the consent form sent to you by Parentmail as soon as possible.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend, see you next week!

Best wishes

Vicky