

Dear Families,

I hope you are all staying well, it has been wonderful to see you at sharing events over the last couple of weeks. I know how much this means to us all. Parents seems as pleased to return to school as we are to welcome them. This is why the following decision has been so very difficult to make and I understand that it may be very unpopular. However, this has been done in consultation with all staff and leaders of other local schools.

While we have still remained relatively untouched by cases, I do have staff members affected now by Covid19 and I see the situation unravelling in schools just up the road. In order to ensure that there is a 'Christmas Service' and that the children get the chance to participate, we will be putting this together, using our churches, for you to access and share with your extended family online. Doing this means we don't have to limit ticket numbers or risk cancelling at the last minute. There will not be a service in church for either school. This protects Christmas for all our families as far as we are able. We will be sending you a link to the electronic version rather than it being on the website and we hope you understand the reasons behind our decision.

In other news, Catherine Harrison now has the details of our sponsored child and will be sharing these with your children in school on Friday next week. This means that we can began to send and receive letters and see the difference our sponsorship is making.

I know that you have been receiving emails regarding the outdoor Christmas Fair event at Sand Hutton but I am adding my reminder here. Outside is a much safer place to congregate and as I said in Sharing this morning, I have booked the weather in advance!

Finally, can I thank you for your vigilance so far and the willingness with which you have taken children for PCR tests when asked/suggested.

With every best wish,

*Beverley Pawson*

Headteacher

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