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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday Word

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=47.2>

I hope you are all keeping well as we approach the 3rd Sunday in Advent. It is the joyful Sunday as we light the pink candle at church on the Advent wreath. I know that the government announcements will not have brought much joy but we do need to keep ourselves as safe as we can. **Please wear masks on site and do keep your distance as one thing that we do know is that this variant is spread easily. The one way system is still in place so please do not walk back up the path to Rackhouse Road. Public Health Manchester have asked us to keep our protocols as tight as we can as they discover more about the new variant.** We all want to try and enjoy the Christmas holidays as best as we can.

School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December. There will be **no after school activities** on the **20th and 21st December** so **all children** will finish at 3.10pm on the Monday and the Tuesday. **Kids Fun Club (which is separate to the school) will still run as normal.**

ABSENCES As a school we are aware of the difficulties faced through self-isolation and coronavirus alongside other medical appointments and illnesses and therefore the impact this will then have on attendance. We also do have to inform you, however, if your child's attendance has dropped in to the persistent absence category (which is below 90%). Letters will be sent out to **all children** in this category but as a school we are mindful that under the current circumstances some of the attendance issues are beyond your control.

CHRISTMAS CARDS I am sorry to have to say this but please **do not** send Christmas cards in to school again this year. I know that we all like to send cards but we are trying to keep things as safe as we can and are keeping items from home to a minimum still at this point.

ASSEMBLIES

The assemblies have been a great success and we only have KS2 left!
Y3 on the 14th, Y4 on the 15th, Y5 on the 17th and Y6 on the 20th December.

Have a lovely weekend,

With prayers,

Sarah Yates

Head Teacher

We wait in joyful hope