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Dear parents,

A few bits of news and a catch up on how it is all going here in school.

First the bad news! Currently we seem to have much of the school unwell with coughs, cold, and perhaps Covid. This includes many of the staff too. Hopefully by next week we will be starting to see our way out of the other side of it, as it has certainly swept through the school. I tried to talk to the children in assembly about covering their mouths when they coughed, but this resulted in a mass whole school coughing fit, and I wished I hadn't mentioned it! Perhaps something for you to work on at home.

Despite this, we are all working hard, on track with school development plans, and getting that slow excitement build up towards Christmas. Always tricky but fun, keeping the lid on the excitement and keeping the learning on track for as long as possible.

The nativity rehearsals have started, and Key Stage 2 are starting to go through carols they know, plus learn some new ones (The First Noel was a bit of a stretch, so won't be attempting that one!). I hope some of you will be coming in next week for the decoration making afternoon, then we will put them all up Friday ready for the Christmas Fayre on Sunday.

Miss Lee has her final visit from her Teacher Training mentor next week, and is on track to receive her Qualified Teaching Status well before the expected date. We are all very proud of her, and she is a great asset to the school. I really appreciate how you have supported her with her journey to QTS, and made her dream of being a teacher come true.

We have had lots of new parents looking round the school for September, and the good reputation of the school is often mentioned. As I have said before, I am enormously proud to show visitors around, and your children are central to that, with welcoming, polite behaviour, hardworking, but full of fun.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, hopefully a bit of a rest, and re-charge the batteries. We are all going to need a bit of energy for the coming weeks!

Best wishes,

Mrs Ballam.