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'Caring, Successful Learners'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the media the government announced yesterday that they are giving those schools who are open on Friday 18th December the flexibility to close a day early. This is to allow for the last day of contact tracing (6 days following the end of term) to be Wednesday 23rd December meaning staff will not need to be on call on Christmas Eve.

Having consulted with other local primary schools and considered the wellbeing of staff and the community we have taken the decision to **close the school for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 17th December 2020.**

Whilst making this decision our priority has to be the education of the children too and we will not be losing a day of teaching as we will now be **open on Thursday 1st April 2020** which was previously designated as a teacher training day. **Children will not miss any school time by us closing a day early.** A new copy of the term dates for the rest of the academic year are printed on the back of this letter.

We would, of course, never normally like to alter term dates but we are currently continuing to work in unprecedented times. In order for us to keep the school community updated with any potential need to self-isolate I would ask that parents and carers contact the school through our COVID email address: Covid19@chapel-cit.co.uk to inform us if any children test positive during the holidays.

We will still hold our Christmas jumper day on Thursday 17th December but the Christmas crafts will now take place on different days for each class. Our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December remains unchanged.

As this is likely to be my final letter of 2020 I would like to extend my thanks for your continued support of the school during a year that has been testing for us all. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 4th January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Almond
Headteacher