



Dear Parents and Carers

Thankyou for all of your support in attending our Church Services and Nativity Plays. I am sure you will agree wholeheartedly that all of the children did an amazing job and that, like us, you were very proud. I am sure that I saw more than a few tears of joy in the audience. The links and passwords for the videos of the nativities have been shared on Seesaw as that is a secure and closed group. May I remind you to share this with immediate family only please and not share this on any form of social media for the safety of all of our children .

The main reason that these were able to go ahead with an audience was because of your community spirit and vigilance in testing yourselves and your children and informing us and working with us if your child received a positive result so I would like to say a huge thankyou for this. I feel very privileged to be working in schools with such understanding and supportive families.

I am fully aware of the uncertainties at the moment about the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. We are planning to open as normal on Wednesday 5th January but if the government changes the guidance to schools, I will let you know via Seesaw as soon as possible. Please go with the 'no news is good news' approach and I promise I will contact you if I hear anything..

I would also like to say a huge thankyou for your generosity in supporting charities this term, we have raised nearly £1000 for Children in Need, Save the Children and the Children's Society as well as supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal which raised nearly £150 in each school.

**Dates for your diary**

**17/12/21 Break up for Christmas**

**4/1/22 School re-opens for staff**

**5/1/22 School re-opens for all Pupils**

**12/1/22 Swimming recommences for Y3/4**

**18/2/22 Break up for half term**

On behalf of everyone at Newton Regis and Austrey Schools, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and peaceful New Year



**Becoming the person God made me to be: living, learning, loving.**

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* Psalm 139:14

