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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with deep regret I write to inform you that we have had to take the decision to cancel our live nativity performances this year.

As you will know, we are currently still in the midst of a significant covid outbreak, with more new cases confirmed over the weekend. We have been asked by Public Health to submit data around these cases and they are advising us not to continue. With the new restrictions imposed as a result of the new variant and our current situation, as well as our performances being so close to Christmas, it seems irresponsible to continue.

I do realise that this will be a massive disappointment but please do understand that this is not a decision we have taken lightly. We are doing this solely to keep everyone safe. I remain incredibly proud of the professionalism, commitment and resilience shown by our staff during this crisis generally and during this outbreak.

Luckily, we do have the wonderful Ioan Said (Ethan's Daddy) who has once again agreed to film our play. Mr Said is a professional photographer with a full DBS certificate and he did an excellent job last year for us. **The film will have a secure link and will be released to parents only on the understanding that it must not, under any circumstances, be put onto social media.**

It is vital that you let us know as soon as possible if you do not wish your child to be filmed. Please email Liz in the office on admin@ecclestonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to let us know.

Mr Said will be filming on Thursday 9th December. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you concerning costumes.

Once again, I am so sorry for the disappointment this news will bring.

Onto more bad news I'm afraid! Public Health have also strongly advised not to attend the pantomime next Wednesday, so we are following this advice and cancelling. Mrs Breakwell is currently sorting out the financial implications of this. We are planning



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some lovely activities in classes, such as hot chocolate and Christmas films. More to come later.

Christmas dinner will still go ahead in classes as last year and we will do all we can to make this a special day for our children.

Meanwhile, please read carefully the letter we have been advised to send out from Public Health which should have arrived earlier. We continue to take every precaution we can to keep all our families safe.

Katie Prescott
Headteacher



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