**Parent/carer update**

**Friday 18th December 2020 – school open**

There has been a Government communication that schools consider closing on Friday 18th December 2020. I am writing to confirm that we will not be closing that day. **We will be open** and it will be our last day of school.

Axe Valley Academy will be closed that day but very helpfully they have agreed to have a skeleton staff in work to provide our children with food. They will offer us a simplified menu. I hope that you can consider that this is a positive solution given the time lines.

The menu for the day will be: Main course-Fish and chips

Vegetarian option-Vegetable fingers and chips

Dessert-yogurt

If you had booked a meal but know your child will not eat the menu choice then could we please ask you to provide them with a packed lunch for that day and un book via Parent Pay. **Please may we ask that you book the lunch by Tuesday at the latest so that we can give the correct numbers to Axe Valley.**

We are extremely grateful to our lunch providers who have worked extremely flexibly throughout with us since March as we have progressed through the different phases of lockdown.

**Our Christmas lunch** was a real triumph this week.

Miss Taylor had organised me into getting crackers, table clothes and colouring pens. Miss Taylor also gave her own time to decorate the room with lights and a range of Christmas decorations and set each table beautifully. I have to say the children did enjoy the food the little chocolate treat and were very polite and positive. It was a little taste of normal.

**Christmas Cards**

This year children can, if they wish, send Christmas cards to class mates. Each class has their own post box this year and these will be emptied and cards delivered at the end of next week.

**Last day 18th December**

A reminder that children can wear a Christmas jumper or home clothes and bring in a voluntary donation for Safe the Children.

**Track and Trace over Christmas Holidays**

To continue the on going support of Covid parents will need to notify school of any positive cases of Covid up to and including 24th December. If there was a positive case within your child’s hub we would contact you as your child would be required to self isolate for 14 days from the date they were last in contact with the positive case.

We would ask that in the event of a child in school testing positive you phone school using the emergency number. This is 07512 079 520. Any children within the child’s hub would receive a communication via school email.

We sincerely hope that this will not need to be put in place but thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Mannix