



7th December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Christmas Show

The children in KS2 have been working hard to prepare our traditional Christmas show performance for you. Pupils in Year 5 have taken on the acting roles, whilst the rest of the children in KS2 have been learning and rehearsing the songs that accompany the acting to make the show complete. Unfortunately, owing to continuing COVID restrictions, we will not be able to invite you into school to watch the show, but we will instead be posting a filmed version of it up on the website for you to enjoy during the holidays. The show will be posted on the website on Wednesday 15th December and we hope you will find some time to watch it with your children.

Class Parties and Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 15th December**, we will have our Christmas dinner followed by class parties in the afternoon. On this day, children are **invited to wear their own clothes** to school and, if anyone has a Christmas jumper they would like to wear, they would be most welcome to do so. We will not be asking for any food contributions to be brought into school on this day as the children will be given additional treats with their Christmas dinner/packed lunch, followed by fun and games in the afternoon.

Warning – access to age inappropriate content on television

While the majority of what young children watch on television may not cause concern, parents are often faced with the challenge of determining what is appropriate or inappropriate – classifications provided can be misleading.

It has come to our attention that several children have used language from a programme which is not appropriate to their age. An example of this is Netflix's new programme: Squid Game. The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) have rated this programme a 15 in the UK, even though the programme looks like something for younger children. Where we hear children talking about programmes that are not suitable to their age, we will stop them and we will talk to a parent/guardian to ensure they are aware of what their child is watching. The topics raised in these programmes are not suitable for primary age children; they are often offensive.

Please do be vigilant, when allowing children to access Netflix or other streaming services as it is easy for children to end up watching something unsuitable. Please also have conversations with your child about checking programmes before watching them and what to do if they start watching a programme and realise it is not suitable.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is of utmost importance to the school so we appreciate your support in monitoring this matter at home. For more information about the classification of programmes, take a look at the BBFC – British Board of Film Classification website at <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/>.

Parent Governor Elections

In July we were sad to lose two parent governors who gave great support to the work of the school. Mrs Ahmed's youngest child left for secondary school and Ms Hussein's family left Camden. They both made a great contribution to the school.

We are now looking for two parent governors to take over for them. Parent governors are required to attend meetings of the Governing Body and whichever committee they are assigned to. There are usually two or three meetings per term. They usually start at 6.00pm and finish at 8.00pm approximately.

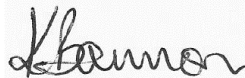
If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please email admin@rcobden.camden.sch.uk to request Parent Governor Election Pack. Requests for a pack need to be received by the admin team by 4.00pm on Wednesday 15th December 2021.

End of Term:

The term ends on **Friday 17th December 2021** and we would like to remind you that children should be collected at the earlier time of **1.30pm** on this day.

To those of you celebrating Christmas we wish you a very Happy Christmas. We hope you all have a happy, healthy and restful holiday and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you again at the start of the Spring Term on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Bannon
Headteacher