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Dear Parents & Carers,

A very short note at the end of term to wish you, your children and your families a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Firstly, Lewisham Public Health have asked us to forward the following message to all parents:

### **What to look out for over the holidays**

You may have seen news reports about Group A Strep infections in children and young people. These infections such as Strep Throat and Scarlet Fever are usually mild, with symptoms such as sore throat, mild fever and minor skin infections, and are treated with antibiotics.

However, in rare cases they can be more serious. Signs of a more serious Group A Strep infection mean that you should get an urgent GP appointment or help from NHS 111 – these include high fever, severe muscle ache, localised muscle pain and unexplained diarrhoea or vomiting. If your child is having difficulty breathing, their skin, tongue or lips are turning blue, or if they will not wake up or stay awake you should call 999 or go to A and E.

More information and advice is available from the NHS website or by googling 'NHS Strep A'

Secondly, thank you to all of you who were able to watch your children in their various Christmas performances. They were definitely an antidote to the freezing outside temperatures.

Thank you also for your donations during 'Giving Week'. The final totals were £664 for Save the Children (with the match funding) and £1002 for the school from the Winter Festival (destination to be decided with FOMLPS next term). These are both hugely generous amounts, especially in such challenging financial times. I hope that many of you managed to pick up one or two bargains or prizes in return.

I was also pleased to see that we were able to give out over 70 Christmas bags/hampers. The rest have now been passed on to CHART's food project, which operates out of the WG Grace Community Centre and is open on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am.

I very much hope you all stay well and have a break full of as much warmth, fun and rest as you are hoping for!

Very best,

*Mr. Edward Dove*

Headteacher