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Hi Parents

More Positive News: Your Family Design Christmas Cards have again made a huge impact on the Care Homes and elderly individuals who received these cards. Some messages, very moving recognising the love and care of St Andrew's children and parents will be shared with you later.

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You may well have heard of all sorts of proposals and discussions about school's keeping open or closing! I'm sure these issues will continue to be argued out throughout January and maybe beyond.

As you know we, here at St Andrew's, don't deal with 'rumour or gossip' but just crack on with what we need to do for the benefit of our children and their families.

The same for any discussions about mass testing in schools. Please be rest assured that I will continue to inform parents of any change to present guidelines or any new 'projects' put forward by the Government.

We have supported families all the way in their decisions over worries about vulnerable family members etc and fear of Covid entering their households. I have always commented that although attendance at school is totally vital and important for every pupil I also know that parents in these extremely difficult times – have to make decisions which are best and safest for their own families.

I give you all my best wishes. As I have said many times:

***We are all in this together. We will all pull through together.***

**Reminder:** We close tomorrow for Christmas and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is also non-uniform day with Birthday Party celebrations in the afternoon.

**Also, tomorrow:** More great positive issues to share from our families in our next email newsletter

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IMPORTANT:

1. **Free School Meals Vouchers:** If your child is eligible for free school meals you should have received an email or text message asking you to click on the link to receive your free school meal vouchers for the Christmas period. Any problems please contact the main school office.
2. **Parent Contact Details:** If your mobile or email details have changed the please let school admin know immediately. Thank you. The importance of open communication between school and home – especially in these difficult times remains crucially important. We don't want any parent or family 'left behind' because they haven't received an email or other message. Also please remember that all our emails newsletters are also on our website: click on 'parents' then click on 'newsletters'.
3. **Covid19:** If any family is unfortunate in having any positive cases during the holiday please inform me by email: ghstandrews@icloud.com. I have to still keep my lines of communication open 24/7 as, sadly, Covid, will be with us for a long time yet. Your communication to me helps to keep our school prepared. Thank you.

Regards

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