

26th November 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well.

The festive season definitely seems to be with us now and what better way to start than with our Immersive Christmas Experiences for pupils at Riverside West Wickham and SPC Nursery. These were designed to be highly personalised, responsive to the children in each group and all nine immersive experiences certainly offered that. We hope you enjoy the photos [HERE](#).

Despite the continued COVID challenges, we are still very hopeful that our remaining events will take place as planned and we are already looking forward to our next performance, "Legendary", for Riverside Beckenham pupils, next Friday 3rd December. As you will be aware, Expressive and Performing Arts is an extremely important part of our curriculum and means so many things to so many people. In addition to the performance element, it is about connection, collaboration and creativity. With that in mind, we were asked by the Arts Council and A New Direction to showcase our latest work with Rose Bruford College and it is with pleasure that I would like to share the short film with you here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr92fwVFsWc&list=PL0e31xaijw1GWtpQaOI_lbp1Al6ZxrK-W&index=3&ab_channel=ANewDirection

You will know that our commitment has always been to communicate frequently and openly with you about all COVID-related matters, including letting you know about any positive cases at school. I can confirm that we have had one positive COVID case in one of our Riverside Beckenham classes this week, however no additional pupils needed to self-isolate as a result.

I wanted to end this week's letter by thanking everyone who helped raise money for Children in Need through the activities at Riverside School last Friday. We raised an incredible £1,500 and we know that the money will go to a number of very worthy causes. As I wrote in last week's letter, Children in Need's mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential and through your generosity, and the efforts of your incredible children, we have been able to contribute such a large amount to their cause.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher