



16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Autumn Letter 33- Autumn Term 2021 – 2022**

As Christmas approaches, we find ourselves at the end of another enjoyable yet difficult half term. I just wanted to say thank you again to our families and to the staff for everything that has been done to support all of the children at NJK.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has beset the school since November and reduced pupil and staff numbers. However, the staff, pupils and our families have dealt admirably with every challenge and all of the necessary changes that have been implemented to keep us all safe.

Practical steps can be taken to cover absence but the skills and energy that the whole team working together brings has been missing over the last few weeks. Indeed, our usual attendance rates of around 98% brings about a purposeful buzz and atmosphere. Our pupils enjoy coming to school and we enjoy them being here. I look forward so much to the new year when all of us can work **together with love and joy**. I also very much look forward to sharing our latest Ofsted report with you when we return.

### **Covid-19 Update 20**

Today's numbers are as follows:

**Willow- 1 pupil 1 member of staff**

**Rowan- 0 pupils plus 1 member of staff**

**Hazel- 0 pupils**

**Oak- 0 pupils**

**Ash- 0 pupils**

**Cedar- 0 pupils**

**Maple- 4 pupils**

**Elm- 0 pupils**

**1 further member of staff is absent due to Covid related circumstances.**

*\*Please note these are the reported and confirmed cases.*

### **Afterschool Club**

PLEASE NOTE THE CLUB WILL CLOSE AT 4.30PM THIS WEEK.

### **Festive Fun**

Many thanks to the PTA and to the staff for organising the fantastic Christmas festivities yesterday. Many thanks too, for your positive comments about our Christmas Activity Day. The pupils certainly enjoyed themselves!

Kind regards

Mrs Dean  
Headteacher