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# Snow magic

Quietly and gently the white covers

defoliated winter trees.

The whole world lies enchanted.

When snow falls richly from the sky

and lights illuminate the city

Christmas dreams awaken.

(Anita Menger)

Dear Parents,

Once again, a year is drawing to a close that has continued to demand a great efforts from all of us, professionally and privately, and especially from the children who, especially at the beginning of the year, were only allowed to learn at a distance for a long time. Since this school year, we have been able to give the children a little more normality, bit by bit: Attendance classes, which only rarely had to be interrupted by days and classes due to positive testing pools, church services, and for the 3rd and 4th graders, a theatre in the gym.

Now before the Christmas vacations start soon, I would like to give you some more information:

### <u>Testing</u>

Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 will be the final pool testing day for all classes.

On the 1st school day after the vacations, Monday, Jan.  $10^{th}$ , 2022, all classes will be tested. From this day on, the already announced new strategy "Pool Testing 2.0" will begin.

For this, we will carry out the registration of all children participating in the tests in the school. Therefore, it is important that you always please inform Mrs. Pfennig immediately at <a href="mailto:sekretariat@donatusschule.de">sekretariat@donatusschule.de</a> of any new contact information, especially cell phone numbers.

The new procedure will be as follows:

The children will give two test samples on the test days, one for pool testing as before and the other directly an individual reserve sample, as you know it from the previous retesting at home. All samples are collected for the laboratory. In case of a positive pool test result, you will be informed by the laboratory via SMS that your child's reserve sample will be tested. The individual results of these reserve samples will be sent to you as well as to the school. Positive results will also continue to be reported directly to the Health Department by the laboratory.

This new strategy means that in the event of a positive pool, the previous retest day is no longer necessary and the children with a negative test result can return directly to school on the following day. In addition, you no longer have to send the results to the class teachers. However, we as a school still have to report positive individual results to the health department.

I would like to point out at this point that the implementation of this new strategy will take much more time during class time than before.

### **Fundraising**

For several years, the Donatus School has been supporting the association "Association enfant pour un lendemain meilleur" which, in turn, with the help of Mrs. Mäueler, supports educational projects, especially an elementary school in an outlying district of the capital of Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic situation, we were not able to hold any school events to collect donations this year. Therefore, the association would be very pleased if you would support it directly with a donation. In this case, please transfer your donation to the following account: Ursula Mäueler, DE10120300001060270772. If you need a receipt for your donation, please contact Mrs. Mäuler directly at <a href="mailto:ulmae@gmx.de">ulmae@gmx.de</a> before making your transfer. Thank you very much!

#### School Library

The parent team of our school library, which makes it possible for your children to borrow books and other materials on a regular basis, urgently needs support. If you have time and interest in joining the team, please contact Mrs. Kleinlosen directly at frauke.kleinlosen@gmx.de. Thank you so much!

On behalf of our school community

I wish you and your children
a wonderful Christmas full of lights and magic,
relaxing vacations and a good start into the year 2022.

Stay healthy!

With kind regards

Uta Becker, Principal

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