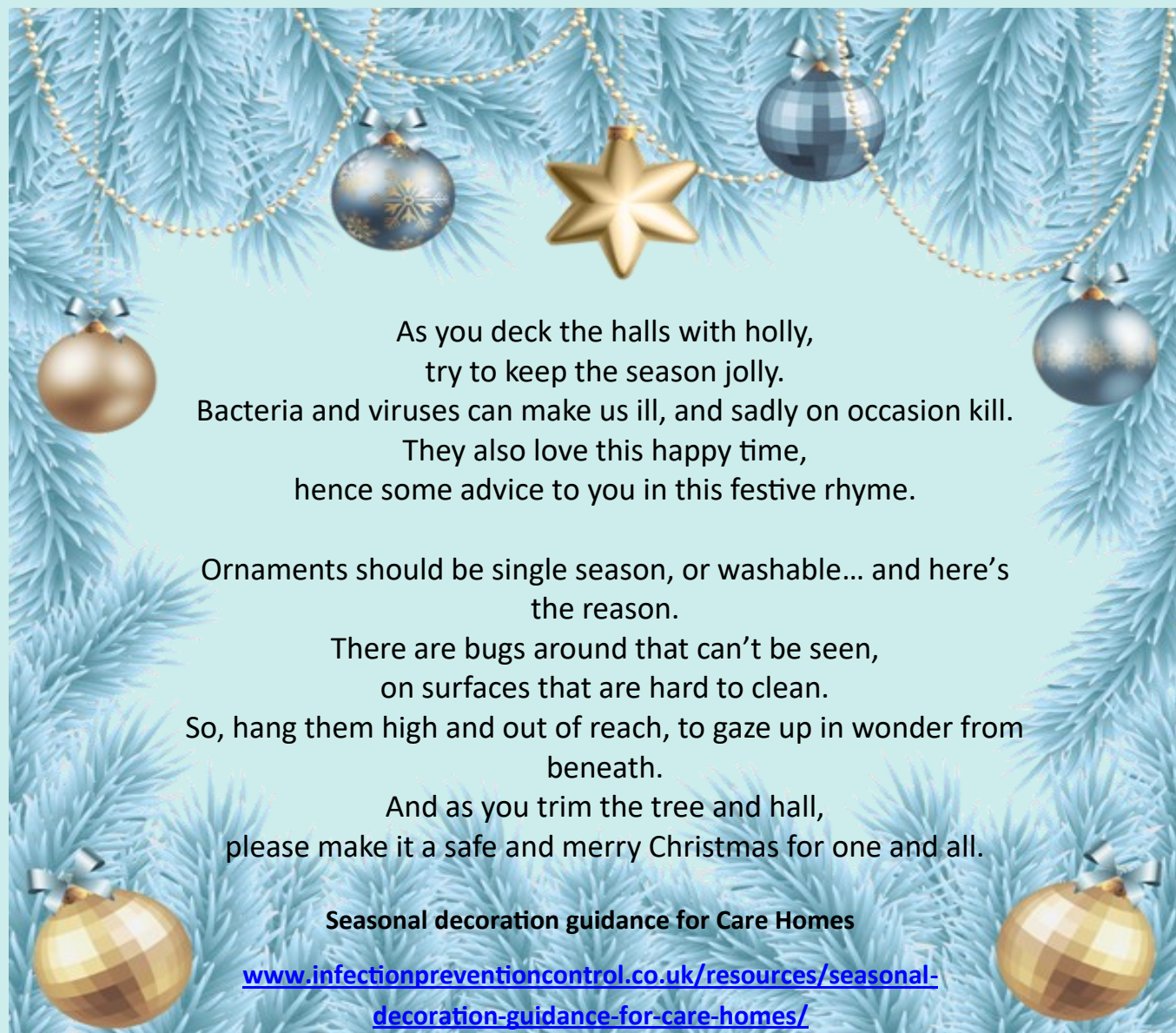


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As you deck the halls with holly,  
try to keep the season jolly.  
Bacteria and viruses can make us ill, and sadly on occasion kill.  
They also love this happy time,  
hence some advice to you in this festive rhyme.

Ornaments should be single season, or washable... and here's  
the reason.

There are bugs around that can't be seen,  
on surfaces that are hard to clean.  
So, hang them high and out of reach, to gaze up in wonder from  
beneath.

And as you trim the tree and hall,  
please make it a safe and merry Christmas for one and all.

**Seasonal decoration guidance for Care Homes**

[www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/seasonal-decoration-guidance-for-care-homes/](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/seasonal-decoration-guidance-for-care-homes/)

### The IPC 'Santa sack' has some new resources for Care Home settings:

- IPC Cleaning schedule and record templates
- Viral gastroenteritis outbreak management Pack. Now available to purchase in electronic format
- Commode cleaning and disinfecting posters available free to download
- IPC training event for Care Homes and Domiciliary Care: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Visit our website for further information on the above and lots of other IPC resources, many of which are free to download. [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk)

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