



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear All,

We have finally managed to make it to the end of term. This has certainly been the longest and most challenging term of my teaching career. We have had to adapt and change continuously and it has been a very steep learning curve as we have taken on new and ever-changing government guidance.

However, amidst all of the challenges there have also been some real highlights. The children have been brilliant. They have adapted to all of the new procedures quickly and are settled and happy in this new version of school. Staff have been flexible and adaptable, ready to take on extra duties or new routines at the drop of a hat and offering support which I know I would have been lost without. And you, as parents, have been incredibly supportive and have taken on all of the new guidance quickly to help us keep everyone safe. The children have made some excellent progress and have enjoyed many exciting learning experiences, in spite of the circumstances we have been working in.

As we move into 2021 then, we look forward with hope. Hope that there will be a vaccine and that restrictions will be eased and that we will be able to enjoy the freedom which we were used to before. Hope for the future is such an important message at this time of year. This Christmas might be different to any we have celebrated before but I hope you will find time to relax, rest and have fun together. Please stay safe and take of yourselves and we will see you all back on Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Christmas!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Pre-school:** Preschool have been enjoying playing in the sand tray and practising following instructions this week and have learnt how to play Simon Says. One of their favourite activities was creating their own snowmen. They were all given the components to make one and an example and then left to get on with it. Please see the picture below for the results. We would like to wish all our preschool friends and their families a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

**Acorn:** This week Acorn class have been busy practising wrapping presents, decorating the tree and making Christmas cards in Santa's Workshop. The children have also made Christmas snowmen to take home. On Wednesday, the virtual Pantomime produced lots of laughter and was enjoyed by all. The new sounds for Reception are dge (bridge), ve (have) and wh (when).

**Oak:** In Oak class this week we have been feeling very festive. We have been making pom-poms for the Christmas tree and have been learning about how different Countries celebrate Christmas. We also enjoyed the pantomime together. Despite us not being able to go in person the children really enjoyed the jokes and music.

**Have a lovely holiday** – we will see you all back in school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

Don't forget to check out our recorded Christmas production. Follow the link below and feel free to share with friends and relatives.

<https://youtu.be/RcL5mpZz-uE>



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