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Dear Parents

As we reach the end of a challenging but enriching term, I want to pay tribute to our incredible pupils and the strength of our community. We were so excited to see the children coming back to school in September, but we are also aware that they have faced a term of high levels of challenge and uncertainty and they have done so with determination, resilience and impressive good cheer.

Their positivity, their hard work, their exemplary behaviour in class and their willingness to look to the future have kept our spirits buoyant and allowed us to remain full of confidence for 2021.

Thank you to those parents who have used their child's TEAMS account to join the children in a range of activities this week, unfortunately our Year 3 and 4 pupils have had to use this medium to complete their lessons this week and it is so important that all parents are aware of how to use this to support their child's learning at home. If you need technical help please just contact the school office who will be able to assist you. We hope to use TEAMS on multiple occasions next term to involve you in your child's learning and we know that the children eagerly look for your faces on the video.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the staff. This has been perhaps the most challenging term we have known and the staff, both teaching and support staff, have worked incredibly hard to go above and beyond in keeping our pupils safe and well-supported. Thank you so much for the many messages of support, good wishes and cards and gifts that you have sent in for the staff; they are greatly appreciated by everyone and staff are immensely touched to know that parents and pupils appreciate their hard work so much.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and much-treasured time with friends and family, which will be even more special this year. Stay well and stay safe.

We look forward to working with you again in the New Year and throughout 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pointon
Headteacher

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