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Dear parent/carers



CHRISTMAS WISHES

Today marks the end of face-to-face teaching for all of our pupils in what has been a quite unprecedented year. My first, and probably lasting instinct, is to say 2020 is a year that we will all be happy to put behind us. But terrible as it has been, there have also been positives about this year;

Teamwork would be top of my list. Seeing people pull together to make important things happen – whether it's developing a vaccine, clapping our NHS or helping out neighbours and friends. This year has seen a sense of shared endeavour prosper. That's worth hanging on to.

Having a sense of perspective too. This year has been hugely challenging and the fallout from this pandemic has yet to show up fully. Even with vaccines at hand life for many will not get easier in a hurry. Nevertheless, one lesson adversity always teaches is to value what matters most, be it family, health, friendship, that dream you've been nurturing but not yet breathed into life. Being forced to revalue what's important in our lives is a stocktake worth doing.

And hopefulness. Working in a primary school, surrounded by young people who seldom linger long enough to let worries take root, there is no prospect of running short of optimism. For that reason it has been great to have school full this term. Full of enthusiasm, enjoyment and celebration – yes, even in a year like this.

We all have our reasons to be grateful and with Christmas around the corner there is the chance to share and appreciate those blessings with others. Let's all do so safely.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas to all of our pupils & families. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

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