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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of a long and challenging term may I thank you all sincerely for your co-operation and support throughout. You have been fantastic at working with school to ensure that your children are in school every day and catching up on any lost learning due to lockdown.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ we should take a little time to reflect on all that this year has brought us. The difficulties, the loss, the changes, the uncertainties are like nothing we have ever experienced before. However in the midst of all of the challenges there have been amazing acts of kindness and consideration for others.

It has been wonderful to have our school community back together again. Your children are a credit to you all and they have adapted to the changes in routines and procedures without fuss. There can be fewer places more special than our school in the days leading up to Christmas. Whilst it has not been possible to celebrate together as we would have in the past you have been thought of in prayer as we have journeyed through Advent with your children. Over the past three weeks each class has participated in prayerful reflection on the true and very special message of the Christmas season - a time when we remember that God Our Father sent his only son Jesus to save us. There has been lots of excitement in school and even a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Let us not forget that there are still many who are suffering, those who are incredibly lonely, those who are ill or have lost a loved one. We pray that the Lord will comfort them and give them strength each day.

We have been informed by Public Health England that schools need to be available to assist with contact tracing where necessary until the 23rd December 2020. This means that any pupil who is tested positive for COVID in the 5 days after school closes (up to 23rd December) must be reported to school. Please inform Miss McGrath via email if any child is tested positive within this time frame. In the event of a positive case being identified contact will be made with any pupil or staff member who has had close contact. Advice will be given with dates of the isolation period required.

Please try your best to be particularly cautious over the next few weeks so that you can all enjoy a safe Christmas together.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stay safe and well,

God Bless,

Mrs Stanley and all of the St Augustine's family.

Yours sincerely

Mrs MM Stanley
Headteacher

