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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final letter of the year. What a year it has been for everyone. I had a Christmas card this week for a member of the family who said the best thing about this year was last Christmas! I'm sure that lots of you feel the same.

However, despite all that has happened this year I wanted my last letter of 2020 to be a letter of thanks to you; our parents, and also a letter with some important information regarding the holiday period.

Since we came back to school in June and then in September you have supported us a great deal. We have all heard and felt your positive words of encouragement and appreciation.

Also the way that you have supported school and your children with all of the different events that have taken place this term has been fantastic. The dress up days, online Zoom lessons, home learning activities and fundraising events have all been a great success and have demonstrated a real strength in our community spirit and compassion for others. Many of these events have been recorded and promoted on our school twitter page. Please go onto this and see how much has been going on.

Perhaps the most impressive and humbling sight were the number of shoes boxes that have been made up by you for our shoe box appeal, and the excitement and enthusiasm that your children had when they brought them into school. We donated over 100 boxes. When these were delivered by Miss Law the gentlemen who received them was overwhelmed with gratitude and thanks. Those boxes will be going to children in Bradford this Christmas.

My thanks must also go to you with how you have supported attendance at school since September. Our Attendance Figure for this term has been above 97.5% which is absolutely amazing. It has become obvious over lockdown how important school is and it is a testament to the staff in school that parents have confidence and determination to get their children here as often as possible.

At this time of year, we would normally be gathering with you for concerts, nativities and assemblies. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to do any of this and these are some of the things that make being in school at this time of year special. We have however recorded some Christmas songs for you to watch on our new YouTube Channel. The links to the different classes are below. Copy and paste them into your browser and they should take



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you to the video. This is a private unlisted YouTube Channel and you need the link to view content.

| <u>Links for KS1 and EYFS</u>                                                           | <u>Links for KS2</u>                                                                     |
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| Nursery AM – <a href="https://youtu.be/w2CQ71GNgek">https://youtu.be/w2CQ71GNgek</a>    | 3 Beech- <a href="https://youtu.be/Kl3_JX1KpkM">https://youtu.be/Kl3_JX1KpkM</a>         |
| Nursery PM – <a href="https://youtu.be/-FX71j2Ryqk">https://youtu.be/-FX71j2Ryqk</a>    | 3 Elm – <a href="https://youtu.be/MuO6WldW-_o">https://youtu.be/MuO6WldW-_o</a>          |
| Reception – <a href="https://youtu.be/pKOeoZxCjJk">https://youtu.be/pKOeoZxCjJk</a>     | 3 Oak – <a href="https://youtu.be/YFq_b_ItO0s">https://youtu.be/YFq_b_ItO0s</a>          |
| Year 1 – <a href="https://youtu.be/3me6c8SaqSQ">https://youtu.be/3me6c8SaqSQ</a>        | 4 Ash – <a href="https://youtu.be/ptxJRS2Nty4">https://youtu.be/ptxJRS2Nty4</a>          |
| 2 Doves - <a href="https://youtu.be/PVx6HgOA8ak">https://youtu.be/PVx6HgOA8ak</a>       | 4 Hawthorn – <a href="https://youtu.be/lxcyEZY5ehc">https://youtu.be/lxcyEZY5ehc</a>     |
| 2 Kingfishers – <a href="https://youtu.be/jwzR2KexUDg">https://youtu.be/jwzR2KexUDg</a> | 4 Sycamore – <a href="https://youtu.be/Qw_VJf9J1e4">https://youtu.be/Qw_VJf9J1e4</a>     |
| 2 Owls – <a href="https://youtu.be/mNOGH5_qkS8">https://youtu.be/mNOGH5_qkS8</a>        | 5 Jupiter – <a href="https://youtu.be/A-4CmcaW4h8">https://youtu.be/A-4CmcaW4h8</a>      |
|                                                                                         | 5 Mars – <a href="https://youtu.be/IrL1R-p-zAA">https://youtu.be/IrL1R-p-zAA</a>         |
|                                                                                         | 5 Saturn – <a href="https://youtu.be/GUYMVqUaXq8">https://youtu.be/GUYMVqUaXq8</a>       |
|                                                                                         | 6 Ingleborough – <a href="https://youtu.be/_hjuGGeui2I">https://youtu.be/_hjuGGeui2I</a> |
|                                                                                         | 6 Penyghent – <a href="https://youtu.be/fdDGL_47QLo">https://youtu.be/fdDGL_47QLo</a>    |
|                                                                                         | 6 Whernside - <a href="https://youtu.be/sOLivyf3mal">https://youtu.be/sOLivyf3mal</a>    |

If your child is not on the video it is because we do not have video permissions. Unfortunately, we are not able to put children’s images onto the internet if we have not received express consent from parents to do so. We asked for this information earlier in the year.

Over the holiday period school’s have been asked to support the distribution of the Holiday Hunger Programme. This is a Council Lead initiative which is designed to ensure families who have been financially affected by the pandemic have access to hot food over the holiday. We will be sending this information in a separate PING communication today. I hope that all families who are struggling in anyway take the opportunity to access this support over the Christmas Holiday.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION about what to do if your child tests positive for COVID 19 between 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

If your child receives a positive test result between the dates above, then you will need to inform school even though we are closed for the holidays.

You will need to inform us by sending an email to the following email address.

**[Reportingcovid@silsden.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:Reportingcovid@silsden.bradford.sch.uk)**

Your email needs to contain

- your child's name and class,
- if they have any symptoms,
- when these symptoms started
- the last day that they were in school.

School will then consider this information and communicate with the relevant contacts of children staff informing them of the need to self isolate.

I will be checking this email box between 9.00am and 11.00am every morning between 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December.

REMEMBER YOU ONLY NEED TO CONTACT SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD RECIEVES A POSITIVE TEST.

When I was driving to school yesterday Father Christmas was being interviewed on the radio. (The real one!) He made a joke – “ What does Father Christmas use to clean his hands...? “ “Santatizer!”

He also gave this thought. At Christmas it is never what is under the tree that is most important it is who we have gathering around it. This year perhaps this sentiment is even more poignant than usual.

I hope that you and your families are able to celebrate and join together as much as possible over the Christmas period, and from all the staff and I wish you a happy, restful and peaceful Christmas together.

Kind regards

Mr Russell  
Headteacher.

School Opens for Children on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2021!