



18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very different Autumn term in school this year. However, I think that as a whole school community we have risen to the challenges that the pandemic has brought with great positivity, resilience and a smile!

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to staff for their commitment to our school and also to our wonderful children for their enthusiasm and making everything worthwhile – they never cease to amaze me!

As we move into the New Year, there are some changes to staffing:

- Mrs Peart has been absent from school since the summer term and she has now taken the decision to leave her post as School Business Manager.
- Mrs Nixon has also resigned from her post so that she can spend time with her young family. Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Meadows Monday to Thursday and by Mr Salmon on a Friday.
- Mrs Welford left her role as Teaching Assistant in October to be a Foster carer. Ashleigh Ross has been covering her post in the interim.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future and thank them for the commitment to their roles whilst at our school.

From our school to your home . . .

Although we haven't been able to do Christmas in quite the same way as we normally would in school, we have made sure that the children have enjoyed and had fun.

We have shared some of our last couple of weeks in school with you on our school website and on our Facebook page.

They are under these headings:

Festive Fun @ #TeamEscomb

We have put together some photographs from across the whole school to share our festive fun with you!

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 are just DANCE-TASTIC!

They have all worked with Ashleigh in their separate class bubbles and Miss Potts has used her magic to put the whole performance together for you to view! I am sure this will get your toes tapping!!!

Christmas Performances

As you know we couldn't do a Christmas play in the way we would normally do it, so each class has performed a song or poem for you. We hope that these will help bring some festive cheer!

Our last day today has seen everyone in Christmas jumpers and hats helping to raise some money for a charity close to one of our Year 6 children's heart! Thank you everyone for your contributions – I will post on Facebook the amount we raise later tonight.

The Northern Echo has also been in school today to take some photographs and there will be an article in tomorrow's edition.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year!

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Thank you for your continued support – it so much appreciated by us all.

Wendy Gill & Staff