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Headteacher Mr Kevin Moloney

Dear Parents and Carers,

18th December 2020

I have just re-read the letter that I sent you last year where I make reference to the Christmas play, the cards, the Christmas fair and the carols around the tree. How very different this year has been but we have tried to make things as normal as possible within the current restrictions. Christmas Jumper Day and dinner was lively and funchildren managed to have crackers and the hall was decorated as normal with a sparkling tree in the corner. We may not have manged to see a real panto this year but the children have had the opportunity to watch a streaming of Cinderella with the usual audience participation!

When we started the term my priority was to ensure we offered a safe environment for children and adults. As a school we wanted to continue offering Beach Days and Forest Days and as a result of the financial support from the Burgage Holders these days have taken place. It has been wonderful to have violin lessons going ahead and PE coaches in our school grounds. I am proud of how hard we have worked as a team. Our volunteers have been greatly missed - hearing children read, supporting in other lessons as well as attending beach days. This naturally has had an impact on what we offer but I do believe we have made the right decisions and have successfully and safely come to the end of the Autumn Term.

I would like to thank you for all your positive comments over the last few weeks - they are all appreciated by the staff who work so incredibly hard to make this such a super school - even more so in these challenging times. I would also like to thank the PTA who have (and as a result of your generosity) organised a Christmas treat for the children and a challenge around Alnmouth over the holidays! We look forward to getting our new PE shed next term too!

Whichever way you have organised Christmas this year I hope it is enjoyable! Finally, on behalf of the Hipsburn Governors and staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021.

We will see you all again on Monday 4th January 2021!

Best Wishes, Kevin Moloney











