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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we got there! We got to the end of 2020 at school, with the children still being happy, laughing, spending the days with their friends and teachers, learning and keeping themselves, each other and their families safe.

Who would have thought this time last year that our lives would have become so very different to the ones we used to live. If anyone would have mentioned 'Google Classroom, Zoom, Lockdown, 'non-essential and essential shops' furlough' I would have thought that they were talking about the plot to a film (not a good very one) that would be set in the future! But, instead all of those things and more have been a big part of all of our lives in 2020.

We have also found ourselves enjoying new Fitbits, long walks, the first trip to McDonalds in June after three months and queuing!!!, staycations, a real sense of community and helping each other.

We find ourselves heading into 2021, with the hope and belief that the vaccination will support us all into returning back to some sort of more normal life and much more importantly ensure that the most vulnerable and our elderly relatives will be able to spend time with their loved ones again. Hopefully the people that have missed hugs, kisses and time with their friends and family will be able to do so very very soon.

We have been so fortunate at Farnborough that we have largely managed to keep our school open to the children throughout the Autumn Term. We now head into the Christmas Break, hoping that everyone will continue to keep safe and well and be able to spend some time with their families.

Last week, the DfE informed schools that staff must be available to contact trace during the first 6 days of the holiday. If your child develops COVID symptoms in the first 48 hours after school closure and consequently testing positive, please email the admin.office address immediately, as we will then email the child's bubble informing them of the result and any next steps required to be taken. You do not need to notify your school if your child develops their first symptoms more than 48 hours after they have been in school.

As mentioned on many occasions, those of us that work in schools have been so fortunate throughout this pandemic; however, I cannot thank my staff enough for going above and beyond for the children and families this year. Without every single member of my amazing team, we would not have got to today safe and sound.



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Thank you all so much for the donations that you have already given to Bromley Brighter Beginnings. This will make so much of a difference to the work that they do. In addition to what you have already donated, all of the proceeds from our Christmas Markets and raffle raised a further, incredible £1320.00. Thank you all so so much for helping us raise this astounding amount of money which will really help the charity with their work and project of ensuring every child in Bromley has a bed to sleep on.

Throughout this period, there are many of you that have had a really horrible and hard year; whilst this will be a lovely time for lots of families, we are also very aware that this can be a very lonely and isolating time. Please remember that throughout the Festive Period we are still here at the end of an email, if you need anything at all.

Thank you to all of you for your incredible support, patience and lovely messages this term; they have been truly appreciated. We absolutely love working with your children who keep us smiling and laughing throughout the day. We really do count our lucky stars that we have been able to here every day this term.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful Christmas and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year on Wednesday 6 January.

Best Wishes,

Miss James
Head Teacher



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