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Dear Parents/Carers,

At this time of year we all tend to be reflective about the last twelve months and look forward to the year ahead with hopeful optimism. Needless to say, after a year like no other, I am sure we are all hoping for a 2021 that is more settled and, dare I say it, more normal.

Our children have surprised us all with how they have risen to the challenge of life in COVID-19 times. They are full of positivity and fun and are a pleasure to be around. Staff have once again shown their dedication and commitment going the extra mile to keep your children safe. Staff appreciate too, the understanding parents have shown regarding the necessary changes this year; we do appreciate your support.

Thank you for helping us with our fund raising efforts. The Burnhope Windows have been a huge success and the total of the amount raised will be shared by the end of the week. Thank you for supporting school too, by purchasing memory sticks of the Christmas Nativity performances. All the funds go directly back into school to provide experiences and activities for the children.

As we approach the Christmas holidays it is very important that you let school know if your child tests positive for COVID-19. If your child develops symptoms up until midnight on Sunday 20th December then you must inform me so that I can notify close contacts to self-isolate. Any positive cases where symptoms develop from Monday 21st December onwards do not need to be reported to school during the holiday period.

Please contact me or Mrs Bryson immediately via the messaging facility on Dojo and provide the following information:

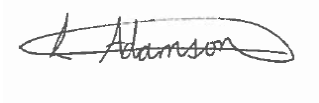
- Name of child
- Class/year group
- Date of the COVID-19 test
- Does the child have symptoms? (High temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste of smell)
Yes or No
- What date did the symptoms start?
- What date did the child last attend school?

It is very important that you provide this information so that we can identify any close contacts that your son or daughter may have had in school during their infectious period. The school will then follow up close contacts and request that they isolate for 10 days to prevent further transmission of COVID-19. Please note that you should also report any close contacts that your child has had outside the school setting through NHS Test and Trace.

I would like to wish you and your families the happiest of Christmas times that will hopefully bring some joy. I am looking forward, with optimism, to 2021 when we hope to continue to build on our work to help your child have their best year yet.

From January, Mrs Bryson will be Acting Headteacher and I will continue to support school as Associate Headteacher twice a week. I am looking forward to catching up with you when I am in school and wish Burnhope Primary every success as we head into 2021.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Adamson
Headteacher

