



# HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm really pleased that we've managed to get through the term, without too much disruption to the children's learning.

The children have worked tremendously hard and have displayed such a positive attitude towards their learning. They have also shown great kindness and compassion, not only towards their peers, but also to others less fortunate than them. In addition to everyone raising money for good causes and celebrating important events, Year 4 and some Year 3 children, have also been sending festive letters and gifts to the residents of a local Care Home, which has been such a valuable experience for them and of course the residents, at this emotive and special time.

It's also been fantastic being able to celebrate so many of the children's achievements out of school, in events such as dancing, gymnastics, swimming, football and even acting! We are so proud of their hard work, commitment and talent and are looking forward to seeing how they progress in the future.

We hope you enjoy the videos of the children singing Christmas Carols, which they really put their hearts into. We really do hope that we'll be able to have live performances/events at some point next year, but our priority must always be to keep our community safe and our children (and staff) in school.

Sadly, we must bid farewell to some staff and familiar faces. As you know, Mr Willmore will be retiring in January and has been an important part of the school for over 15 years. In addition to his Caretaker role, he has also coached many of our Football and Cricket teams, helping them to win and do fantastically well in numerous competitions. He will obviously be missed by children and staff alike. Mrs Baccus will also be leaving at the end of the term, having worked incredibly hard supporting one of our children and I must also say farewell and a big thank you, to a number of the cleaning staff who have been with us for many years. While Mrs Hack and Mrs Wells left a few weeks ago, Mrs Roberts has been cleaning our school for an amazing 37 years and is retiring at the age of nearly 80 years young!

Thank you all so much for your continued and kind support over the last year. We've had to work in very challenging circumstances and make many difficult decisions, so your support has been invaluable and I can assure you that our priority has always been to keep the children happy, well-educated and safe.

We will of course continue to keep you informed of any new Covid-19 measures that the Government might bring in, but in the meantime, I hope that you stay well, have a lovely Christmas with your families and we'll look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Kind regards,

Simon Minter