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Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it to the end of the Autumn Term! We have had a lovely end to the term this week and the children have enjoyed making calendars, Christmas cards, Christmas crafts as well as some Christmas maths and English mixed in as well. We are happy to hand them back over to you for a well-deserved break as the children have worked really hard this half term!

## Christmas productions

We completed the filming for our Christmas productions last week and the links have been sent out to families directly via our ParentPay email system.

The links should only be used by yourselves as they have been set up as a private You Tube channel, they cannot be found by searching for them on You Tube. Please can I strongly request that you respect the need to keep these links private, just as we say when you take videos and photographs at our 'in house' productions they **must not** be shared on social media!

Sit back, get out the popcorn and enjoy the entertainment!

## Staff leavers

Mrs Czartowski will be leaving us at Christmas to move onto pastures new and we wish her all the best for the future. Also, the lovely Ann Ward, who is one of our caretakers, will be retiring at Christmas. She has worked at the school for over 10 years and although she will be giving up her caretaking duties, she cannot bear to leave us totally and will be carrying on in her lunchtime supervisor role.

## The reporting of positive coronavirus cases into the Academy during the Christmas break

As mentioned last week the government asked schools and leaders to undertake contact tracing for a period of 6 days after the end of term. This 6-day period includes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 through to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. Further

details were sent out earlier this week on how this contact tracing will be managed by the Academy.

## **ICT / Online Safety**

At Christmas time these days there always seem to be a number of new electronic gifts that children receive. We have some very useful safety cards that you as parents may find useful - you will find these on the Newsletters and School Correspondence section of our website

[www.horburyprimary.accordmat.org/newsletter-magazine/](http://www.horburyprimary.accordmat.org/newsletter-magazine/)

## **January Return**

Following the Christmas break, the Academy will reopen to pupils for the Spring Term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you for the continued support of the school and staff and your generosity in supporting our Christmas charities - the final amounts raised were a whopping £905.00 for Wakefield Hospice and £211.00 for Save the Children. This is an amazing amount!

Staff, I'm sure, would also like to say thank you to you for the many Christmas gifts.

That just leaves me to say that I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break, that you enjoy the festivities and the time you can spend with your families. Let us all hope that the New Year brings us a return to something near normality. Rest assured we will continue to provide a safe haven in school in which children can continue to learn and grow and enjoy as many of the activities that they we would normally do.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!!

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal