

4 December 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been an interesting week and I do want to thank you for the many appreciative emails we have received from parents, both of those children who have had to home school in Year 1 and Reception, and those in school. I know you will join me in thanking all the staff for leaping into action yesterday and making sure that everyone had the appropriate ParentMails, phone calls, Zoom links and resources.

Despite restrictions, the children are getting excited and have started down the slippery slope to the festivities. Thank you to everyone who had any part in the Secret Santa activity today. We had very happy children with their secrets. (How long will the younger children last without telling you I wonder!)

We have a plan for the last day of term; At 3.30pm, Years 3 and 4 will sing carols (10 mins) outside the front door and then go home. Then at 3.40pm Years 5 and 6 will sing carols outside the front door (10 min) and then go home. Parents of each pod are invited to socially distance and listen. Not as grand as our usual Carol Service and gathering on the last day, but this will at least give the children the opportunity to sing some of the carols they have learned. Also the last day will be Christmas Jumper Day /Own Clothes Day for which the children are invited to bring £1 for children in Yomelelani.

### **The Snowman by Theo in Year 3**

On Christmas Eve there was a silly snowman,  
Stood frosty outside the house,  
Thought he'd like to come inside  
And run around like a quiet mouse!

Thought he'd like to warm himself,  
By the cosy flames red  
And to try and find a fresh new carrot  
To put into his head!

So he called the freezing wind, "I'm freezing and cold  
So can you blow me through?"  
So the freezing wind blew him in the door,  
And now there's nothing left of him,  
But a silly puddle on the floor!  
(Based on the Poem. The Snowman anon.)

### **Instagram Permission Slip**

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if your child's consent slip for Instagram could be returned by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you have mislaid the slip sent home with your child, please contact the school office, who will happily provide you with another. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes,

*Alison Cordingley.*