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Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to write to wish you all a lovely, relaxing Christmas and wonderful new year.

Although this will be a very different Christmas to any other we have experienced, there has, at least, been some flexibility in allowing us all to spend time with some family members. For those of us who have been unable to see and visit our family over this period, this will come as a welcome break. However, we still need to be vigilant as the virus is very much still spreading so please be cautious and protect your loved ones.

Whilst we have experienced some disruption at school this term, we have been fortunate that we have not had any positive cases within the school (those that have been positive have come from outside of the school community). We continue to work hard to ensure Dorchester remains a safe place for both children and staff and we regularly review and update our risk assessments. We will continue to work with those of you who still remain anxious about sending your child to school and we thank the many who have placed your confidence in us.

I am sure you are keeping up-to-date with the news about the roll out of a vaccination but please try not to become complacent as the virus is not going away any time soon. You have all responded well to our new routines and requests and this has allowed us to operate as normally as we can. There is light at the end of the tunnel and we just need to continue to be sensible and we'll get there.

Our children have risen to the challenge of a different style of education, whether that be our new routines or them learning from home. We are very proud of them and you should be too. Whilst there is no doubt that there are still hurdles to overcome, as a community, you have pulled together and shown a real team spirit.

We have not been able to take part in the many activities we usually would, but I am hopeful that we be able to provide wider experiences for our children next term.

Remember to follow the guidance on isolation if anybody in your household develops symptoms – tests are easy to book and results are generally within a day or two. If your child develops symptoms in any of the days leading up to our return on Monday 4th January, please text 07761330670 with the below information:

- Child's name
- Child's class
- Date symptoms started
- Date of positive test (if applicable)



As always, my team and I are here to provide support if, and when you need it. I mentioned in my previous newsletter that the communication between yourselves and school is so important to the success of our children so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

All that is left for me to say is have a restful break and we hope to see you recharged and ready to go again in January for another successful term.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "smills".

Stuart Mills
Headteacher