



17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is finally here – and what a term it has been!

I want to say a huge thank you to you, our wonderful families, for the support, care and understanding you have shown us in such challenging times. You have learnt to multi-task in ways you never thought you would need to by working from home and teaching your children at the same time. You have faced the worry of the virus entering your homes and affecting your loved ones, whilst recognising that your children's education is so vital that they must still come to school to be educated. Importantly, you have trusted us to make sure school is as safe as it can be for your children so they can receive that education - and yes, so you don't have to do it anymore! And, in the middle of it all, you have supported each other and the wider community in many different ways along the way.

Because of your support, we are celebrating:

- ✓ 97% attendance across the term.
- ✓ £289.60 raised for Jeans for Genes
- ✓ £537.10 raised for Children in Need
- ✓ £475.30 raised for Greater Manchester Children's hospital on Jumper Day
- ✓ Tonnes of donations have left for the food bank to make the staple food bags received there a little more special for families using the bank over the festive period.
- ✓ Through the Christmas raffle, you have supported 8 families in need to have a wonderful Christmas Day with a hamper made up with everything they need for their food and festivities.

You are all amazing!

We know that the Spring term will bring the same challenges, and perhaps new ones too but we will face them together as we have done throughout this year.

Because of the ongoing nature of the pandemic, school will continue to run under the same routines and restrictions as are currently in place until we have any differing guidance from the Government. I will of course continue to keep you informed of any changes to the plans as these occur.

Please be reminded that the only way you can contact school regarding a positive case of coronavirus once school has finished on Friday for the break is via the email covid@dowson.tameside.sch.uk . This will be monitored up to and including Christmas Eve, after which, cases will not affect any pupils or staff and you can wait to inform us of these on the first day back, which is Monday 4th January 2021.





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Remember school finishes early tomorrow. Please still try to stagger your times by using 1:55pm A-G, 2:05pm H-O and 2:15pm P-Z to allow for social distancing.

I hope that you all enjoyed the Nativities we have shared with you and that your children have enjoyed all of the Christmas things that we have been able to provide, albeit in an alternative way. Look out for our final little surprise to you tomorrow as we finish.

That just leaves me to wish you a safe but magical time spent with loved ones over the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all.

Mrs Kathryn Thornburn

Principal

