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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we made it to the end of the year and what a year it has been! We have faced many challenges and difficulties throughout the year from lockdowns, 'home-learning', bubbles and much more! However, I can honestly say my overriding feeling at this point is one of pride and gratefulness (and a little bit of tiredness too!). The wonderful sense of community and support for our school has ensured we have continued to look after and develop our children despite the tricky circumstances we have found ourselves in.

Therefore, I have many 'thank yous' I'd like to make. Firstly, to yourselves for the endless support you have given to our school for which we have been incredibly grateful and secondly to our amazing PTA who have continued to raise money all year.

I'd like to take the opportunity to also thank the incredible staff at our school. Without exception, every single member of our team has gone above and beyond to keep everything going and provide exceptional care for our children. From the office team who have had to cope with various online forms, DFE registers and hotlines and provision of meals, to Simon who single-handedly painted pretty much anything that doesn't move throughout lockdown. And of course, to all the incredible TAs and teaching staff who have worked tirelessly to keep our children safe and have ensured that they continue to thrive and make progress.

Thank you so much too for the many kind emails we have received in response to the 'Christmas Cracker' production. I'm thrilled everyone enjoyed it. The children did absolutely brilliantly! The link for the download will be sent to you this afternoon. Thank you to all those who donated via the GoFundMe page (<https://gf.me/u/ymg3cx> – our total now stands at over £2500 Which is incredible! THANK YOU SO MUCH! (You can of course donate at any time!)).

Now for a couple of notices...

Please could I ask that you email myself on [head@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk) and **not the school office** should your child or anyone in their household have a positive test for Covid19 throughout the holiday. This is in order for me to contact people in your child's school bubble (up to the 24<sup>th</sup>), or thereafter so I can record their period of isolation for our attendance records.

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, we will be holding these online. More information on how to book will be sent once we return in January.

A reminder that the first Monday back, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, is an INSET. The first day back for children is Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

All that is left for me to do now is wish you all, from everyone at school, a very safe and Happy Christmas.

Take care and keep well,

Mrs. Cook

