### Dear parents,

Thank you for all your support in keeping yourself, children and staff safe. This has made an enormous difference to the school community.

I am writing this whilst listening to Christmas songs being enjoyed by Junior Nights Owls! It has made me reflect on how Christmas will be very different this year and may provide us with an unhurried time to think about what Christmas truly means: a time to celebrate the birth of Christ and when God showed his love for us. I also think it will be a difficult time for some of us when we can't spend time with our loved ones and may have financial difficulties that make Christmas less than we would want. I hope that all of you can find some joy, happiness and celebrate Christmas in a unique way this year. I can't wait for the children to tell me about it in January!

On a festive note, thank you from all the staff and me for your generous and thoughtful gifts. Stay safe and have a happy Christmas.

Mrs Price

# Chocolate Tombola and Christmas jumper day.

Thank you to F4CADs for providing chocolate for the Chocolate tombola. Every child was given a raffle ticket and had to find their numbered chocolate treat.

The Christmas jumper day was also a success. Thank you again for your generosity in donating to a very worthy cause- Save the Children. If your child wore something Christmassy and you forgot to pay, School Gateway remains open for you to do so.

#### **End of term videos**

A separate email has been sent to you with the link to the end of term videos for all classes. Please remember they are only accessible by the link provided and not to be shared on social media sites.

## **Tombola winners**

Each term we choose a winner from our credit card tombola. Credits are awarded for good work and behaviour and once their card is full it gets put in the tombola. Two lucky children from each site receive a £5 book youcher.

The winners for this term are:

Infant site- Jaden and Thea

Junior site- Samantha and Jackson

### Christmas gifts for those not in school on the last day

Items will be placed in a named carrier bag and left in the reception area on both sites. These can be collected today from the Infant site between 1.30- 1.45 and from the Junior site between 1.45 and 2pm. After these times the bags will be brought back into school for safe keeping until the children return.

## Reading

All children are coming home for Christmas armed with many reading books. We would like every child to read every day, even just a few pages will make all the difference. Please tell us about the books your children have enjoyed after the holidays- or send us a photo of them reading!

# **COVID-19** infection during the Christmas holidays

If your child (who attends Cuddington and Dinton school), tests positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas holidays, please can you contact me (<a href="head@cds.school">head@cds.school</a>) as we may need to alert other children and staff they may have been in contact with.

If your family has to isolate during the Christmas period, and the isolation 10 days means they will be unable to start school on 5<sup>th</sup> January, please contact me so we update our registers and send work home when school starts.

# **Return to school in January**

School starts back on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will continue with the start and finish times from this term.

#### Stars of the week

- F- Thea and George M
- 1- Alice M, Darcey P
- 2- Zac and Drew
- 3- Bella C and Emily
- 4- Freddie F, Ewan, Luke
- 5- Mary, Archie Di
- 6- Henry, Lottie, Asmitha

### **Science Stars**

- 6- Charlotte
- 4- Phillip

## Calendar

5.1.21- Children return to school