



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our term finishes on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at the normal times and the children return to school on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Please heed all advice provided regarding reducing the spread of COVID on return to school.

The children have really enjoyed our Christmas festivities – the Christmas fair, the Christmas parties and preparing their Christmas DVDs – lots of Christmas spirit despite COVID! Our DVDs of class Christmas ensembles will be sent home on Wednesday for families to enjoy over the Christmas period – hopefully next year families will be able to join our Christmas celebrations in school. Thank you for your understanding.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to staff and parent volunteers who gave their time so generously to organise our Children's Christmas Fair. The children loved it. Generosity at the heart of our community again!

**Farewell!**

So, this term we will be saying farewell and thank you to Mrs. Rogers who has worked tirelessly supporting the children of Stockton Wood in her role of teaching assistant. Mrs. Rogers leaves to take on a new role and we wish her well for the future.

And of course, it is now time for me to say a final farewell to the community of Stockton Wood. As I have said previously, it has been a privilege to lead our school and I have been so fortunate and thankful to work with so many wonderful people – outstanding, dedicated teachers, staff and Governors; enthusiastic, resilient, caring children; and supportive, loving families.

The children of Stockton Wood have always strived to be the 'best they can be'! The children care for one another and have risen to the challenge to live the values of Stockton Wood – generosity, thankfulness, wisdom and justice – everyday. They have made me so proud and thankful and I know they will all go on to be wonderful citizens of the future.

*'Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow,' Jawaharlal Nehru*

Thank you to you all for your support over the years and I wish the community of Stockton Wood every opportunity and success for the future and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Farewell! Take care! Stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Suzy Price Head teacher

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