

Friday 17th December

Dear Parents/carers,

As we reach the end of another very busy Term, it is time to take a welcome breath and think about all the things that have taken place, not just during this term but throughout 2021! I don't need to remind anyone about how different and unpredictable the year has, once again, been for everyone or how many challenges we have faced as a school on an almost daily basis.

I am thankful that Bishops Tawton School is blessed with amazing children, families, governors and staff who have shown support and enthusiasm with new ways of working, flexibility and staying safe. A heartfelt thank you, together we have enabled the children to experience a sense of 'normality' and to have lots of fun.

We have enjoyed some festive spirit in the last few weeks with our 12 days of Christmas activities, Carol singing, Christmas shopping, Christmas raffle, Christmas dinner and class parties. We were delighted that Santa made time in his busy schedule to visit the children today and bring them all a gift! There are Christmas photos on the school <u>website</u> and class blogs.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone who has sent in gifts, cards and or messages this year. Families have been very kind and staff appreciate every gesture. It has been lovely to be able to see you onsite and we hope to be able to plan more events next year.

Our Partnership with Langtree Primary School continues into 2022. Governors invite you to a 'meet and greet' with them in order for you to ask questions and explore what partnership working entails. We will, of course, update you on any aspects that may impact upon our school.

Meet and greet with Governors Tuesday 11th January 5.30-7pm

I would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 4th January 2022!

Melanie Smallwood

Dates for your diary Monday 4th January: First day of term Tuesday 11th January 5.30-7pm – Meet & greet with governors Monday 21st – 25th February: Half term