Thursday 17th December



Dear Parents /Carers

We are coming to the end of what has been a very challenging yet very rewarding time for us at Messing School. It has been so good to be back with the children - I'm sure you can see how much we enjoy our time with them. We are so thankful that we have such a considerate and supportive school community -we really do appreciate your kindness.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the staff for their unwavering enthusiasm and positivity in the face of the most challenging times schools have ever faced. Despite their own anxieties and challenges they always give their absolute best for the children and make sure Messing School is a happy and safe place for them.

The children have been amazing. They have settled back in so well and adjusted to all the new ways of working —from the seating arrangements, constant hand washing, use of different rooms and support staff and all the other changes we've had to put in place to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. Well done and a big thank you to them.

The children have enjoyed the Christmas activities and hopefully don't feel that they have missed out too much. Thank you to the PTA for their support and congratulations to Mr Pelling and Mrs Frost for their festive accessories-I hope no-one has reported Mr Pelling to the RSPCE (Royal Society for the protection of elves) after a pair of elf legs was spotted sticking out of the back of his boot!

We will be continuing with the same arrangements for next term and will keep you informed of any changes we make. Please make sure you have read the procedures for reporting a case to the school in the school holiday (on classlist and sent out on Wednesday). School will resume as planned on Monday 4th January. The staff won't be answering any e mails during the break –please contact me but only if covid related.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas with your families. Looking forward to a safer 2021 –there really is hope in the horizon.

Best wishes to you all

Mrs Jackie Halliday Headteacher PTO



Thank you for your gifts and messages. Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year from all the staff.