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Dear Parents,

It can hardly be true that 2020 is coming to an end as today we break up for our Christmas holidays. It has certainly been a year that we will never forget and we will always have our own stories and memories of this time in history!

Your children have been wonderful and we have treasured some very lovely Christmas events over the past two weeks. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, a fun filled Theatre show full of laughs, a trip around the world as we learned of Christmas in different cultures and of course our wonderful parties yesterday and little gifts from Santa. The highlight of our Christmas has once again been our Nativity and we hope that you and your loved ones have been able to watch the children with their singing, dancing and beautiful costumes. The smiles on their faces and the joy in their friendships has made us all shed a little tear and we were very glad to be able to produce a little something magical to share with those who cannot gather in the usual way. They truly have shown us the true spirit of Christmas!

Please feel free to share the link and enjoy watching on www.stamshawinfant.co.uk.

Kindness and 'giving' has been a theme this year and we were delighted to make cards and Christmas crafts for the elderly members of our community. We have also delivered food hampers to those who needed a little extra support this season. We hope we have made a little difference.

As we end our year I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Stamshaw community. You have all been patient, supportive, understanding and kind adapting to the changes we have made. We have enjoyed such a productive term and our children have really excelled in their learning. It has been a joy to see their progress, both emotionally and academically. I also wish to thank my wonderful team of staff. They have worked tirelessly over the past months and have always arrived at work smiling and enthusiastic about the day ahead! Thank you to them all.

And so to January

Mrs Glover shall be working at the Junior school for half of the week as she takes on the role of School Business Manager across both the Infant and Junior. We would like to welcome Mrs Fountain from the Junior School to our Office Team and so you will see them both as you drop and collect your children. We are excited as our working relationship between the schools goes from strength to strength, with you, our brilliant 'shared' parents!

We have many exciting plans for a busy Spring term. The teachers will write to you in January to share the topic information and to let you know how you can continue to support your child. Work will continue to be published on 'Seesaw' and please do not hesitate in making contact via this platform if you need any help, advice or support.

Please remember to refer to the guidance about covid notifications from my last letter. The dedicated email covid@stamshaw-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk will be monitored during the Christmas break. Please remember to notify the school of any confirmed positive cases up to Monday in case we need to inform other parents.

All that remains for me to do now is to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas. It may look different this year, and family gatherings won't always be possible but I hope that you can spend some relaxing time with the ones you love.

Wishing you and your families a happy, peaceful and a restful break.

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