



18th December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Wow what a year, no one expected that. We are nearly there and it is all thanks to a huge community effort. The last few days and weeks have been especially lovely, there have been some special moments within the challenges we all face. Amongst the many "new things" we have learnt this term is that Google Classroom works. A huge thank you to everyone for switching so quickly to the online working mode when required, we have been really impressed with the commitment from all our pupils when working at home and Year 2 & 4 settled quickly back into school at the beginning of this week.

The run up to Christmas has been different to normal, but we have still had some beautiful singing, we know more about the joy of giving and we have had the extra special moment when Santa's Grotto magically arrived in our school hall. Who knew that could happen! We have also had Christmas jumpers and lunches, written jokes for crackers, helped Mr Hogg, Mrs Pizzey and Mrs Shutt around school, sung Christmas Carols for our older residents in Wellburn, Reception have planted two baby Christmas trees for future Christmas's as well as fabulous art work in our class windows.

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas, with our warmest wishes for 2021.

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Miners Lamp Collection

Thank you all very much for the kind donations to the Miner's Lamp collection. We are sure they will go towards making someone's Christmas a little more special.



Christmas Lunch

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday. Many thanks to Mrs Pizzey and her team for making this such a successful event.

Singing at Wellburn

Every class went over to Wellburn yesterday and sang a selection of Christmas songs. It was much enjoyed by the residents and staff at Wellburn, and there were tears in many eyes (including those of our own staff!).



Santa's Grotto

The great man has obviously been hiding out in Ovingham First School this week and although we were not able to catch a glimpse of him, we all enjoyed the wonderfully decorated grotto, and the children were surprised by Christmas gifts for all.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021!