



Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of term we wanted to write to thank you for your support in what has been a most turbulent time for everyone in our school community. We have been working with Newcastle City Council and Public Health during the past few weeks and have followed all guidance to try to keep our children and staff safe. Unfortunately a number of staff have been very poorly and we send our prayers and good wishes that they will all make a speedy recovery so they can enjoy Christmas with their families.

As Christmas approaches, we have a lot to be thankful for and none more so than the great team and family we have at Central Walker.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our children. We are so impressed at how well they continue to cope in these difficult times. Being in and out of school is not always easy for everyone to understand but we are so proud of the children's positivity and how well they have adapted to working from home – they truly are superstars!

We would also publicly like to thank our staff too. They have been outstanding in their levels of professionalism and determination to deliver a personalised curriculum to all children. It is a difficult time for us all at present, but our staff are doing everything they can to keep everyone safe and to keep the school experience our children get as 'normal' as possible.

A special thank you and goodbye goes out to Mrs Murphy who has been our Reading Champion and Teaching Assistant in KS2. Mrs Murphy is retiring after over 20 years working in education. She has been a valuable member of our team and will be greatly missed. We would like to wish Mrs Murphy a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

We do hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families. We urge everyone to continue to follow the guidelines over the Christmas period so we can protect the children and staff and be able to open fully in the New Year. Unfortunately, Coronavirus is extremely contagious and as we know children can have the virus and pass it on to adults without showing any symptoms.

Finally we have been so grateful for the many positive messages of support from our families, either via Tapestry or Facebook or at the door when staff have been delivering work packs, hampers, devices etc – these kind words really do mean a lot to us at this time.

Stay safe, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature reads 'Dawn T Day' and the second reads 'Faye Kerr'.

Mrs Day, Mrs Kerr

Head Teachers (Job-Share)



*If a member of your household does become ill, please self-isolate and arrange to have a test*

*You can contact the NEAT Central Team on **0191 2284090** to report this between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec (8.30am – 3.30pm)*

*School will be open again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January should you need to report any positive results/symptoms.*

**Please remember that your child should stay at home if you have symptoms too. They can only return to school if your test result is negative.**