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Head Teacher's News

We have made it to the end of term!!! It has been a bit treacherous at times this week, but we have managed to keep going all the way through. I am incredibly proud of the children, staff, parents and community of this school for their incredible dedication and support throughout these trying times. This term has shown why it is so important that schools are open, and I am proud that we have been able to provide some normality and continuity for our children in these difficult times. We are all hoping that things will start getting back to 'normal' as Easter arrives, but there will, most likely, still be some challenging months ahead. I know that our community will stick together through this and carry on out the other side.

Many people say that 2020 has not been a year to remember, but there are so many positives that we can take from it, not least the incredible way in which our school community supports one another. For me, seeing just how much children value their time in school has been invaluable, and I think the period of lockdown made many more 'reluctant' pupils realise just how much school means to them. Our school is at the heart of the community, and community is the heart of our school.

It hasn't been easy to keep everything going this term, and many of our usual traditions have had to be cancelled or delayed due to the very important restrictions that we have in place to keep everyone safe. However, I am delighted that we managed to have a whole-school Christingle this morning over Zoom! We even managed a good old fashioned sing-a-long to 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. Videos and photos can be found on Facebook and on our Collective Worship page [here](#).

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the staff 'Thank You' board. There were laughs, smiles and a few tears when the staff saw it. Most of all, they felt incredibly appreciated and it made a real difference. It has been a hard term, but there is no doubt that the best reward they could have had is the thanks and thoughts of our community.

As you will have seen from the media, we are not expecting a delayed start to next term. We start back on Tuesday 5th January as the Monday is an INSET for staff training. If there are any changes to these plans over the holidays, I will obviously let you know, but I am not anticipating any (famous last words). We will continue with our current arrangements for keeping the school COVID secure, so there will not be any changes to our staggered starts or finishes or the other procedures and processes that take place in school.

I hope you all have a peaceful and fun-filled Christmas, whatever it may look like, and we look forward to seeing the children in January. Take care and stay safe.

Sam Browne

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One way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile, especially when you are shopping for those last minute Christmas gifts! Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
January 2020			
Mon 4 th Jan	Inset Day	Whole School	Staff
Tues 5 th Jan	Children return to school	Whole School	Everyone

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