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Dear Parents and Carers,

CLARE COMMUNITY

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of a long and often difficult term which has brought new challenges almost on a daily basis! I am so proud that we have managed to maintain normal schooling throughout and, as importantly, have presented a panic-free and supportive environment for all members of the school community and especially our pupils.

We would not have been able to have done this without our wonderful staff team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that your child's learning remains our top priority. We have had fun and laughter and the children are as enthused and keen as ever to learn. I would like to thank our staff from the bottom of my heart for their resilience and dedication. Quite simply, I could not do my job without them.

I would also like to thank you, our families, for your unfailing support in ensuring that your children attend school regularly and follow the procedures that we have been required to put in place. It is always in times like these that I appreciate the close-knit nature of our strong and caring community. I hope you have managed to see the Class Christmas songs and dances which have been uploaded onto Tapestry. Along with the Carol Service today, I hope that these events give a little Christmas cheer and a flavour of what we have been getting up to in the last few weeks.

The Christmas card orders have raised an amazing £360 towards a new dining table and also helped to fund snacks for our film afternoon. I would like to extend our thanks to the Co-op in Clare for their kind donation of popcorn and squash for this event also. A small gift will also be given to each child tomorrow which has been funded by the PTFA, Santa and his Elves; Clare Baptist Church has also given each child a book entitled: It begins in Bethlehem.

Next term, we hope to resume some of our club timetable during lunchtimes, at least. I also hope that we will be able to run some events which you can attend in person, rather than virtually. Now all that is left for me to do is to wish you a very merry Christmas celebrating in whatever way you are able, and I am sure you will join me in my hope for a return to normality as soon as possible in the New Year.

Warmest wishes,

Rebecca Loader Headteacher

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