



# Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a term! I am delighted that we have made it to the final day and am sure that you are all ready for a good break! The Coleham staff and children certainly are!

This week has been really special at Coleham. Despite all of the government guidance and restrictions, our children have enjoyed themselves and had fun as they should at Christmas! I know they had lots of fun at their Christmas parties and it was heart-warming to see them selecting their gifts at the Elves' grotto this week (aka The Coach House!) If you are lucky enough to receive one of these gifts, we hope that you like it! The children loved watching their nativity shows this week too and I know they were very excited to share them with you all. I really hope that you enjoyed watching them and showing them to friends and family. Today, we also welcomed a very special visitor to our school: Father Christmas visited us all the way from Lapland with his real life reindeers! The whole school came outside to watch a Christmas Parade around the grounds led by a real donkey, the nativity cast, Elsa from Frozen (aka Mr Venn!) Chief Elf (Mrs Nash) and finally Santa and his real reindeers! We thought that the children deserved a very special treat this year and it was lovely to feel the Coleham spirit alive as every member of our school community came together. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the last school day of 2020. Mr Williams is currently busy working his magic, cobbling together the multitude of video clips taken by staff, to make a short film of the event: a link to the finished film will be posted on our website later today. Thank you so much to Miss Othen for organising this very special treat and to Friends of Coleham for organising the "Elfridges" event and funding Christmas treats throughout school.

The Coleham staff have worked incredibly hard this term; it has been a term like no other but they have kept smiling and worked hard to ensure that all children are happy and making really good progress. I cannot thank them enough for their endless energy, dedication and commitment. Despite feeling tired and ready for a break, the whole staff team, led by Mrs Howson and Mr Williams, have donned their Christmas hats and tinsel and created a music video for the children, which we shared with you all yesterday. The children thought it was hilarious! Laughter rippling through the school as we all watched it at the same time. Please do have a watch. We hope that you enjoy watching it as much as we all enjoyed making it and I wonder if you can guess who Mr Grinch is?!

So, all in all, despite everything, our school has remained an incredibly special, positive and happy place to be. We have managed to maintain a sense of normality and the children have become used to our new “normal.” Assemblies and lunchtimes may be different but the crux of what we teach and our school values remain the same and we will continue in this way in January when we return to school.

You will have already received letters regarding our school clubs. We are resuming clubs in January and are very pleased that so many of the children have already signed up. We believe it is crucial for all children to have the opportunity to develop new hobbies and skills outside of the classroom, which is why we were eager to start running after school clubs, once again. Thank you if you have already signed your children up. Please remember these start in the very first week back at school.

Looking ahead, we have another busy calendar planned for the spring term, including another whole-school wellbeing day, a diversity day, Careers Week, various house competitions and a D & T and healthy eating day.

Finally, all that remains is for me to thank you all for your fantastic support throughout the year and, of course, to wish you and your children a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I hope that you all have a lovely, restful break and I will look forward to seeing you all at the school gates on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Jones  
Head teacher