

15th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time last year, we were looking forward to celebrating our ten years of opening. None of us could have foreseen what would happen in 2020 and the many challenges it has presented for our school and community.

Despite this, I believe that we have come together stronger as a school community and I am confident that our children would not notice too many differences in the way school is running, apart from the constant washing of hands and sanitising! Children enjoy being in school and spending time with their teachers and friends and over the last two weeks have enjoyed many Christmas activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff here at Willow Tree, office staff site staff, support staff, teachers, cleaning and catering staff. School is operating well, the children are learning and are safe in school because of all of their heroic efforts.

A big thankyou to all of our parents who continue to trust in our wonderful school, sending your children in despite anxieties around the pandemic. In the New Year, we will continue to do our very best despite these very trying times.

Please continue to follow the arranged start and finish times for your children. It is important that we all adhere to our Covid safe regimes and would therefore ask that parents continue to wear a face mask whilst on school grounds. We will also expect children in full school uniform with all black shoes in January ready for the new term.

We will be reluctantly saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Dewhurst at the end of term. Mrs Dewhurst has worked in the local area for many years in her role as Nursery Nurse at Kara Street Nursery, following that at Seedley Primary School until its closure when she came to Willow Tree. She has nurtured and played a huge role in many of our families' lives, you may remember her by her previous name of Ms. Grimshaw. We would like to wish her well in her new adventures, she will be sadly missed by our whole school community.

We will finish for the Christmas holidays at our normal times on Friday 18th December. We would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. School reopens on Monday 4th January.

R.L.Munro
Head Teacher

