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Dear Parent / Carer,

What a brilliant end to the first term back. The children have been incredible, adapting quickly to any changes that have been made and making excellent progress across all aspects of the curriculum.

### **Christmas Performances**

The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and we are delighted to be able to share these with you via ParentPay. These will come out to you later today. As these are videos of whole classes, it is important that they are not shared on any social media platforms or the links shared with other people. There are children in our school that we need to safeguard and therefore uploading them to social media could put them at risk. We really appreciate your support with this and for helping us to protect the children in the QPA community.

### **PE**

A reminder of the PE days for after Christmas – all remain the same apart from Year 5:

Year 3 – Wednesdays

Year 4 – Fridays

Year 5 – Thursdays

Year 6 – Tuesdays

Please ensure children are wearing full QPA PE kits – house T-shirt and plain navy / black short or jogging bottoms (no leggings or cycle shorts please) with trainers. A plain black / navy jumper may be worn. Please remember to remove earrings on PE days – children are not allowed to take part in PE if they have earrings in and they may not use plasters or tape to cover in any circumstance.

### **Lunches**

Thank you to everyone that booked a Christmas lunch – it was a brilliant atmosphere in the hall and the children all thoroughly enjoyed the food, especially the yule log pudding!

The deadline for ordering lunches for the first 2 weeks back has now passed, so please make sure your child has a packed lunch if you haven't already ordered.

### **FSM Vouchers**

FSM vouchers have been ordered and will be delivered to eligible parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December via text / email. Please contact the school office if there are any issues with these.

### **Hamper raffles**

All donations and ticket sales for the hampers have been gratefully received and it was lovely to see the happy faces of the winners. The amount raised was over £2200 and this is the highest amount ever. Thank you to all the PTA members that came and wrapped the hampers – we are pleased to have such a great support network.

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## January return

We have 2 INSET days at the start of the New Year and so the children's first day back is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. At the current time, we have not been informed of any changes due to Covid, but as we all know, this isn't something we always have much notice of or control over and this could change at short notice, anytime. Any updates will be communicated via ParentPay and added to our website so if changes are announced, please keep an eye on your emails.

The staff and I would like to pass on our thanks for your Christmas cards, presents and wishes, they are much appreciated. This term of the pandemic has certainly been the most challenging to date in the educational sector and we appreciate the support you have given to us at this testing time. Our staff have worked exceptionally hard to deliver an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum to the pupils in school, whilst providing online learning to pupils and with a higher than usual staff and pupil absence. We are lucky to have a very dedicated team at QPA that go above and beyond day after day.

We hope you all have a lovely break, a chance to rest and the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us – please use the QPA email address as the office is now closed until 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards,

Mrs Simmons  
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