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Dear parents,

As the end of the term comes around, I would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support this term. It has been an incredibly challenging start of the academic year, but the support of the whole school community – staff and parents – has been fantastic.

So much of the year has been disrupted by Covid, we have tried our best to make the end of the year as fun as possible. Our Christmas dinner was a tremendous success and once again, we were treated to a delicious lunch by the school kitchen team. Our Year 1 children have been working hard on their nativity assemblies – these have been filmed and are currently being edited.

Our whole school cookie competition was a fantastic event – especially the live Zoom tasting when I had the joy of being on the panel to determine the best tasting biscuit. All children will have the opportunity to taste this biscuit on the last day of term – thank you to the kitchen team for making this happen!

Our children have been busy this week making Christmas cards for the Mayor's appeal – these Christmas cards will be distributed to care homes and people living alone. In addition, today's non-uniform day raised £822.00 for Luton's Foodbank – again, a fantastic way that our school community can support others.

As parents are aware, the school finishes on **Friday 18th December** and children return to school on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Schools will continue to carry out Track and Trace activities for the NHS and Public Health during the Christmas holidays. As a reminder, if your child gets a positive test result in the holidays, please let us know via our attendance email address:

attendance@downside-primary.co.uk In the email, please state the name of your child, when they developed symptoms and when they tested positive. This holiday we will need to know about any child who tests positive up until 24th December, after this date there will be no need to let us know.

I hope that everyone has a restful break and a 'Merry Christmas' to those families who celebrate Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

