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An end of term update from Mr Hodges

Once again we have faced another challenging term together and I expect you are all looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break. Despite a calm start to the academic year and a return to almost complete normality, circumstances have changed for all of us over recent months and weeks. Government announcements and media coverage over the last few days suggest we are heading towards the Christmas break with some uncertainty as to what the government might be asking communities to do come January.

We have seen a considerable number of positive cases at Cleves over the term and had to change some of our practises to reduce risk and keep everyone safe. It has been a difficult time for parents, pupils and staff.

Despite the disruption caused by Covid, we do end the term on a positive note. These challenging times have only proved once again how special the Cleves community is. Pupils have worked their hardest and adapted well to the changing systems in school. They have maintained their focus, behaved impeccably and followed school safety rules to the letter. Staff have shown the highest levels of commitment and professionalism, working harder than ever to adapt lessons and ensure our full curriculum offer remains in place. Just as important and apparent is the vital role you as parents play in our success. We have received nothing but support and help, whether that's by following testing and self-isolation rules, messages of support and thanks to teachers, volunteering to help in school and on trips despite the risk or the amazing fundraising efforts of the PTA. Your support has been invaluable.

Through working together in positive partnership our pupils have continued to make good progress, enjoyed trips, sports, clubs and being with their friends. Thankfully we have not been forced to send whole classes or bubbles home and compared to the last two academic years this has felt the closest to normal school life for some time.

I can only thank you again for your on-going support and I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. I will write to you again just before we return to outline our plans and any changes to our systems. Whatever the New Year holds I have no doubt we will manage it together and continue to go from strength to strength.

Mr C Hodges

Headteacher

A message from Susan Foster on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Everyone returned to school in September delighted to be able to go back to a fully normal Cleves' life, but sadly full normality didn't last long. So, as we approach Christmas, the Board of Trustees wants to say thank you very much and very well done:

- first, to all Cleves' children, who show such remarkably positive attitudes towards learning and the school ethos
- secondly, to the whole school staff for their dedication, hard work and flexibility in dealing with numerous pupil and staff absences and juggling the introduction of targeted additional health and safety measures whilst keeping as much high quality provision going as possible and,



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- last but definitely not least, to all parents and carers. Your support for school staff and your children is the glue keeping the school running as well as possible – we are particularly grateful for you for following guidelines if your children were unwell.

We are proud to be trustees of such a strong community and wish every member of it a happy, healthy break.

Susan Foster

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



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