



A Christmas message from Mr Dale

Dear families,

As we reach the end of final day of term, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared over the past few months. What a term it has been, filled with wonderful moments that have made our school community shine brighter than ever.

I'd like to begin by extending my heartfelt thanks to all our parents for their unwavering support and assistance throughout this term. Your involvement has been instrumental in creating a thriving learning environment for our pupils.

Looking back, there have been numerous standout moments that have filled me with pride. The independence of our new intake starters to school. The recent OFSTED inspection highlighted our school's strengths, focusing on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils, the high expectations we set, and the exceptional curriculum and provision we offer. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Our pupils have excelled both inside and outside the classroom. The girls' success in the district football tournament and their achievement of the equal access award in sport are particularly noteworthy. These accomplishments reflect our commitment to providing equal opportunities for all our pupils to shine in their chosen fields.

The term has been packed with enriching experiences with trips and visitors across the whole school. Our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Marlowe Theatre pantomime, while our talented choir has been busy spreading joy through numerous community performances. We've also had engaging events such as Anti-Bullying Week, pupil representation at the Remembrance and Light Up New Romney events, visits from drama theatre groups, and two out of four of our planned six wellbeing days, and our super Early Years and KS1 nativity performances.

Also the continuous development of our school facilities with the development of the classrooms for years 2 & 5, toilet facilities and the development of art & music rooms which further enhances the learning experience for our pupils.

I'm immensely grateful for the tremendous support we've received for our PTA fundraising events. The Sponsored Bounce raised an impressive £2900, the School & Abacus BINGO evening brought in £1120, and the Christmas Card design project added £238 to our funds. Most recently, the Christmas raffle raised £750. In total, our amazing community has raised over £5000 for the benefit of our pupils this year. This generosity extends to our charitable efforts as well, with £400 raised for Children in Need and £332.58 for the Poppy appeal.

You have also supported the most vulnerable pupils and families in our school and wider community with your donations at Harvest and the reverse Advent appeal, these donations have touched families lives in a way many will not be able to understand. Your support truly makes a difference, and for that, I say a heartfelt THANK YOU.

As we approach the holiday season, I encourage all our families to find time for togetherness. Reading with your children and getting out and about can be wonderful ways to nurture wellbeing during the break.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 6th January, as we embark on another exciting term of learning and growth. Until then, I would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas. May this festive season of the Christ child bring you joy, peace, and precious moments with your loved ones.

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