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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end - what a year it has been! Whilst we have endeavoured to keep school as normal as possible there have been many changes since this time last year: remote learning, class bubbles, playtime zones, bubble closures and frequent last minute changes. Yet despite all this, the children have been brilliant. They have adapted to the ever-changing situation at school and still worked hard and made great progress. All of the staff feel incredibly proud of how well the children have achieved, particularly in these last two terms.

COVID Update

I am pleased to let you know our COVID cases have reduced considerably and we now only have four cases amongst pupils in school.

Due to the increase in COVID rates nationally with the new variant however, we will remain in bubbles and keep the current drop off & pick up arrangements at the start of the new term. As soon as we feel it is safe to return to whole school events and our usual routines, we will inform you.

Some Goodbyes

Next term, Miss MacDonald will be starting maternity leave and Miss Todd will be teaching in Wrens full time for the remainder of the year. We wish Miss MacDonald much joy and happiness with her new baby, due in February.

The Hardy family will be returning to Australia in the new year and we would like to wish Sam (Y5), Will (now Y7) and all their family the very best in this next chapter. The family have been very supportive of the school community over the last eight years. Ben's parents are Stephen and Lesley Hardy, the previous vicars of the parish and both Sandy and Ben have been active members of FOBS. Ben has also helped out as a site manager, as a governor and as a willing volunteer on school residential. Thank you for all your contributions to school life. We will all miss you.

I would like to wish all of you a peaceful, relaxing and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing everybody again on Tuesday, January 4th, at the start of what we hope will be a more straightforward year.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue background behind it.

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