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Dear Parents / Carers,

End of Term Letter- December 2020

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, 2020 - certainly a year to remember! The staff have embraced the changes this term with enthusiasm and thus made it a term full of opportunity for our children. The children have adapted remarkably well to the changes and it has been a real joy seeing them working hard and engaging so well in their learning. Despite Covid restrictions, we have been able to have: Viking and Roman enrichment days, swimming lessons for Year 4, a Year 4 /5 virtual choir, Magnificent Minds workshop for Year 5, outdoor learning in Reception and Key Stage 1 and our Nativity Play in Reception, plus many more highlights.



It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that after many years' dedicated service, Mrs Kruger will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Kruger will always be a treasured member of the team here at St Gregory's and we have been truly blessed to have her serving our school community. Each morning she welcomes the children in for Breakfast Club with a smile and then supports teaching and learning in the classroom. She is loved equally by children and staff alike. I'm sure you will join us all in wishing Mrs Kruger every happiness in her retirement.

I would like to say a big thank you to you all for continuing to support the school in every way possible. Without this support we could not continue to do what we do. It is this spirit of collaboration that leads us to great things. A big thank you also to our PTA who support the school in so many ways bringing the added extras to school life. The treat bags for each and every child were delightfully received on Wednesday afternoon!



We are very excited to soon be able to share with you the Year 4/5 Christmas virtual concert. For the last three weeks, the children of Years 4 and 5 have been rehearsing two Christmas songs, which will form part of a Virtual Concert with the other Catholic Schools in Northampton. When it is available we will send the link to you.

I have also to mention how grateful we all are, for the large food donations that have come into school. A tremendous effort indeed! There are many, who are experiencing hardship this year in particular and the donations for vulnerable local families and to top up the foodbank has been wonderful. It is at these times of crisis that small acts of kindness really do impact on those in need – thank you.



With the start of a new term we are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Welsh, who will be returning from her maternity leave. Mrs Welsh has been in school keeping in touch over the last few weeks and is very much looking forward to being back in the Reception class. A big thank you to Mrs

Bray who has been covering during this term. Mrs Bray has given of her time so generously supporting the children, especially during a busy half term with a Nativity to prepare for and film.

We welcome you all back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021 when the Spring term commences.

I am hopeful, as we all are, that spring will bring the start of a gradual return to normality. For now, I would like to wish all of you a very happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.
Yours Sincerely

Mrs K Yuen
Executive Headteacher