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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of a long but fantastic term and I wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas from all of us here at Highfield!

Your children have been fantastic this term and they have so much to be proud of. I recommend that (if you don't already) you follow our school Facebook page as it is the best platform to celebrate success and keep up with all of the great things that go on at Highfield. From visiting authors to artwork, school trips, job opportunities, sporting successes, 'Highfielder shout-outs' and much more – it's all on there!

I am so grateful to be writing a Christmas letter this year without the need to mention Covid! ... and this term we have absolutely loved being able to do some of the things we have missed so much in recent times. Recent highlights such as the KS2 Christmas carol services at St Mary Magdalene church and 'Highfield's Got Talent' have been enjoyed by all and very well supported by parents and wider families. We have managed to have face-to-face parent's evenings again and some smaller, focused parent events. It has felt great to engage closely with our families again after circumstances have, at times, created distance between home and school. One of our targets for 2023 is to continue to develop this work and we have a few ideas in the pipeline – watch this space! We also still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, so please do get in touch if you would like to be considered for this role.

School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and we are already looking forward to working with our young people again in the new year. But first, time to enjoy the holiday! We sincerely wish each and every one of you, and all of our pupils, a healthy and happy Christmas. We have talked in school about how Christmas is a special time, to rest, reflect and be thankful for what we have – and to show kindness to everyone, especially those we are closest to.

We hope your Christmas brings all of this and more.

Kind regards

Richard Oades  
Headteacher