



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I cannot believe that we have arrived at Christmas again already. It seems like weeks ago since we were last enjoying these celebrations but I think that is just a sign of us getting older maybe?

We have been really busy in school this term and the children have worked so hard across the curriculum. They have really applied themselves academically and made great progress overall. They have also been involved in numerous sports events and activities, sang, danced, acted and performed as well as drawing, learning musical instruments, modelling, designing, cooking and generally being creative and amazing!

We have continued to work on our core value of being a "Loving School" and we thank you for all the support you give us by reinforcing this value at home.

We are also working on our "Zones of Regulation" and we will be developing this more in the New Year by inviting parents in to participate in workshops as we believe the approach can also be really helpful at home and a shared language around feelings and emotions is really beneficial. The children will all have the chance to think about their own self-regulation plans and come up with their own ideas about what works for them when they feel angry, tired, anxious or excited.

Our Year 6 leaders have been doing a great job carrying out their duties across the school being lunch leaders, operating the radio, playground helpers, role-models to our little ones and generally taking responsibility. The Year 5 and 6 pupils even ran their own general election!

Our "Telling School" ethos is still in place and we continue to advise the children to tell if they see anything at all that makes them feel worried or upset for themselves or someone else. Please help us by reinforcing to children that telling is always the best way to resolve worries and problems at school. Trust the teachers and grown-ups to listen and make safe and fair decisions. Keeping things to yourself or trying to handle it yourself is not usually the best resolution.

Thanks to our governors who work so hard on behalf of the school and the children, usually with little or no recognition or reward for their effort and dedication. You are valued and we are really grateful for the time and care you put in to help us be the best school we can be.

Finally, a huge thank you to you, as parents and carers, for the support you show to us as a school. Thanks for your encouraging and positive words and your love for our school. Thanks for supporting your little ones and doing the homework, learning the lines, shelling out for the trips, finding the milk bottle tops, remembering the MUFTI days, attending the VIP worship, helping listen to readers, reassuring your little ones when they worry and doing most of this while trying to run a home and hold down a paying job! We really do appreciate that being a parent can be tough, whatever your circumstances and we thank you for your efforts on behalf of your little ones. Our children are so lucky to have such supportive people around them and to attend a school where they are loved for who they already are and encouraged and supported to learn and become the wonderful people they are supposed to be in the future.

At this time of year it is so easy to see what an incredible community this is. Whoever you are and whatever part you play in our school community, thank you and I wish you and all who are dear to you, a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Happy Christmas from us all at Bransgore School!

Mr Brown