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Dear Parents,

**NEWSLETTER AND CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 29**

As we approach the end of term, I write to express our sincere gratitude for the critical part you have played in keeping our school family community safe. We look forward to the roll out of the vaccine over the next few months but know that January will bring new challenges following the Christmas break.

I would like to thank the staff for their commitment and courage in 2020 and response to something for which they had no time for training nor preparation. What has been very apparent over the last nine months is the strength and co-operation of a school family community and that is why we have continued to operate so smoothly in such uncertain times.

However you decide to celebrate Christmas, we all wish you a restful and peaceful time and are confident that your children's strength of character and vibrant spirit will be a symbol of great optimism for the New Year. They have adopted a calm and sensible attitude over this period of great change and they do deserve a well-earned rest.

We will look forward to see you on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and as you will know, we will be adopting the same arrangements for the start and end of the school day.

Before we sign off for 2020, please remember that you have been emailed a progress report on your child with a covering letter.

The Santa Dash was a great success so thanks goes to Coach Rose for organising this. We have posted the event online!

On behalf of all the staff at Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas', we wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful break with your family.

Yours sincerely,

**Kieran A Loftus Headteacher**