**What a Year!**

Well, we’ve made it to the final week of term (and of 2020). It has been such a challenging year for all of our us, families and staff members, and who ever would have thought that there would be a time when our children wouldn’t be able to come to school? But we managed it with online learning and work packs, which was managed and co-ordinated brilliantly by our amazing and dedicated staff here at Mellers. The whole staff team put so much hard work in behind the scenes preparing school work and our office staff helped deliver food packages to families in need. Without everyone pulling together in this crisis, our children would have missed out on so much more. I also want parents and carers to know that without your help and support, we would not have got through this. You put your trust in us as a school and for that we are eternally grateful. Thank you! We hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and here’s to a healthy and happy new year!

**Dates For Your Diary**

Here are a few dates for your diary:

**Friday 18th December**:

 X-Factor and early finish

Christmas jumper day (again!)

F2 Y1 Y2 12.40pm finish

Y3 and Y5 12.50pm finish

Y4 and Y6 1pm finish

**Monday 4th January 2021**

First day back to school

**Friday 12th February 2021**

Last day of term

**Monday 28th February 2021**

First day back to school

**Dinner Money**

Dinner money must be all up to date by tomorrow. If you are unsure how much you owe or are facing financial difficulties, please contact the school office for advice.

**Illness over the Christmas Period**

If your child becomes ill with symptoms of Covid over the Christmas break, it is really important that you get your child tested and let school know if it is a positive result. We then have to trace everyone who would have been in contact with that child. To report a positive case of Covid-19 please call**:**

**07458 303 548**

**May I remind you that this is only for positive test results, please do not call this number for any other reason over the Christmas period.**

**Milk Money**

Can parents who have children in nursery up until year 2, please pay for their school milk. This is £11.10 per term. Please click on the link below to pay for this.

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

 **Last Day of Term**

Friday 18th December is the last day of term. School will finish early (see the box above for each class’s finishing time)**.** Please collect your child from their usual gate. Nursery children will finish on **Thursday 17th December** at the usual time of 3.10pm.

Have a lovely Christmas break!

**Amanda Dawson**

**Headteacher**