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Merry Christmas from the Governors!

Christmas is here! A welcome festive break after what has been an incredibly challenging and unusual year. A year of disrupted learning and work, and of uncertainty and change. As a school community, we have faced this together and come out stronger – something we are very proud of as the school's governors. Thank you all for your support during the year; whether it's been taking on home learning, following the constantly changing COVID-19 guidelines, or showing your appreciation for our hardworking staff, it's all helped immensely.

There are many other people to thank for their hard work this year, too. Firstly, the children, who have faced adversity and change, yet produced amazing work and upheld the school's behavioural values: show respect and kindness, listen and try hard. Secondly, all the staff for their exceptional work over the year. In particular, our headteacher, Mrs Eales, and the senior staff have made huge strides forward in the curriculum and behaviour.

We also want to thank our wonderful PTA. Without them, we would not be able to fund some of the school's projects and trips. For instance, their Christmas Raffle will help to buy new IT equipment; and they ran the recent children's Christmas Fayre – mindful of distancing guidelines, they managed to make it a lot of fun for everyone.

We are very sorry that Andrea Toosey, our Business Manager, will be leaving next year. She has been with the school for almost 15 years and will be sorely missed. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. We are looking for a new School Business Manager, so if you know of anyone who has experience of school finance, please direct them to the school's website.

Overstone's Governing Board is a dedicated group of volunteers who meet regularly to share in the leadership of our school and resources. It's important that we have a diverse set of people, so we are looking for a Community Governor who doesn't necessarily have a connection to the school as we are well supported by our parent community. Please do contact us for more information either through the school office or at governors@overstone-wing.org

We hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please do stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2022!

Warmest wishes,

The Governing Board