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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our first term of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your support and kindness as we have once again been faced with the many challenges of Covid-19. Your ongoing patience and support is greatly appreciated by all at the school. Staff have once again been an inspiration, they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children experience 'normal' and learn at an accelerated rate, closing as many of those gaps from previous national lockdowns. All the while facing the risk of catching Covid themselves, many of which sadly have.

I have greatly enjoyed getting into the classrooms again this term and seeing the children learning and laughing with their friends, your children are fantastic and you can all be very proud of how they have settled back into school life. Although not a normal Christmas at Purbrook I am sure you would join me in congratulating the children on a beautiful Christmas concert. We look forward to inviting Santa into school on Thursday.

Next term we have an INSET day on the 04 January, but plan on welcoming the children back as normal on the 05 January. If Government guidelines change over the holidays we will make contact as soon as we know the plans. If you are not already on our school's face book page it would be a good idea to join as this is often the quickest way to communicate at short notice. It was used well during the early days of the pandemic. You can join following this link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/PurbrookInfantSchool/</u>

Next term the theme for learning will be all about the wild world, each year group will take a different look at this through an overarching enquiry question:

Year R – What are those claws and where do they go?

Year 1 – Which creature has the sharpest teeth?

Year 2 – What belongs in the forest?

Just a reminder, if your child was to fall ill with Covid over the Christmas holidays and will miss the start of term as a result please let us know via the Covid absence email: <u>covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk</u> this way we can ensure the absence does not affect your child's overall absence rate.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones, enjoy and make memories. I look forward to welcoming you all back on 05 January 2022.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret Headteacher