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Dear Families

I hope this short update finds you all safe and well and looking forward to the upcoming festivities. Now the close of the term is upon us – this is an ideal time for me to reach out and thank the entire school community for their endless effort and commitment over the term. There is no doubt that we are all experiencing a turbulent time with rising Covid cases and growing concerns around what this means for our lives, but as a school continued to strive to provide the best possible experience that we can for all our children. I am very proud of that. All our staff have the highest of expectations for themselves and our children and are determined that everyone achieves their potential. This never wavers. We are also lucky to have the most incredible pupils who are a joy to teach. These factors help to make Laurencekirk School the most amazing place to teach and learn.

This term has been a busy one with super achievements across the curriculum. The last few weeks we have had a lovely build up to Christmas whilst still maintaining our good progress across the different subjects. As a team, we are already looking ahead to next term where we will launch our whole school Burns topic and enterprise projects in each class in January.

A highlight for me this year has undoubtedly been the quality and frequency of outdoor learning across our school. Staff have committed to a huge amount of learning in this area and it is clear that our children are now benefitting hugely from this. I am looking forward to developing this further next term as we introduce our loose parts shed to the front of the school. More information to follow in the new year! We really do have the most amazing school grounds and we are certainly making the most of these.

I would like to thank the staff, the children and their families for their hard work over the term and look forward to resuming on Wednesday January 5th 2022. The Christmas holidays can be hectic and my hope for you all is that you can find

some time and space to feel peace. It really is OK to stop and be still for a while. We don't have to be busy all of the time. I hope you can enjoy some Christmas films, stories, songs and of course food with those who mean the most to you.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Laurencekirk School, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Kindest Regards

Jill Smith
Head Teacher