

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before the Christmas break, Sophie was awarded our *Star of the Term* certificate. Millie also received our *Value* certificate during the final week of term. Well done to both girls!

As we are about to return to school after the Christmas holidays, we wanted to share a few updates and look ahead to the next half term. We made the decision not to send a weekly learning letter at the end of last term so that the children and you, as parents, could enjoy a proper break over Christmas.

Our topic for the upcoming half term is **People Who Help Us**. Please find attached our curriculum leaflet and vocabulary sheet. As part of this topic, we are hoping to invite a range of visitors into school to talk to the children about their professions and how they help others. This may include lifeguards, coastguards, doctors, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, police officers, vets and dentists.

We would still love to hear from anyone else who works in, or knows someone in, one of these professions and would be willing to come in. The more visitors we have, the more exciting and valuable the experience will be for the children!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support last half term. Mrs Maguire and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break, and we are very much looking forward to hearing all about it as we settle back into January.

Finally, Mrs Maguire and I would like to say how overwhelmed we were by your kindness before Christmas. Thank you so much for the kind words, gifts and cards – we were truly spoilt.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you and the children back at school soon!

Mr Matthew Taylor

Teacher

