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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the end of a long term and we are all looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas lifts our spirits as we look forward to taking time with those nearest and dearest to us and think about those less fortunate than ourselves.

To remind you, the arrangements for the last day are that **Pupils will be dismissed at 1pm from school**, therefore we request that parents make appropriate arrangements for pupils to travel home. If there are any issues with these arrangements, please do contact either Mr Nicolson or Mrs Mossop and discuss this with them. If your child receives Free School Meals, a grab bag will be available for them to take with them.

Please find attached to this letter our newsletter which aims to give you a flavour of developments at BHS and dates and events for the coming year.

There will be a big push on attendance and punctuality after the Christmas break. It is vital that your child arrives in plenty of time for registration which starts at 8.30am. We will be closely monitoring attendance and punctuality. I take this opportunity to remind you about certain attendance issues. Holidays should not be taken in term time and will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All holiday requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher prior to booking the holiday. We will continue to refer for penalty notices for unauthorised holidays and for persistent poor attendance. I'd like to thank those parents who have supported us in this matter and continue to do so.

A whole school calendar of events was sent out early this year and can be found on our website if you have misplaced it. We have a parent seminar coming up in January on 'E Safety'. This will be about online as well as personal safety, we hope to see many of you there.

Thank you, as always for your continuing support, we are always looking for ways to improve and we welcome any feedback, positive or potential improvements that we can act upon.

Myself, the Senior Team, Staff and pupils all wish you a very happy, peaceful and restful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you into school in the New Year.

Yours Sincerely

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