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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for your efforts and support in helping to keep all in Sperrin College safe. This has been a most challenging time for everyone in our community and we are looking forward to our Christmas break. In preparation for this and Term Two there are a few issues I want to highlight:

- Christmas Jumper Day - We are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 16 December in aid of Save the Children. All pupils are asked to donate £1 for this worthy charity.
- Christmas Hampers – I want to say a huge thank you for the generosity and kindness shown this year, to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. The Hampers will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul and to Salvation Army and distributed before Christmas to those in need.
- Christmas Card Writing – Our Sixth Formers have written over 100 beautiful Christmas cards with messages of hope and kindness to those in need this year. This was done in conjunction with the Mid-Ulster Volunteer Centre.
- KS3 and Year 11 Reports – These will be issued to parents via the Parent App on the following Dates:

Year 8:	15 January 2021
Year 9:	18 December 2020
Year 10:	15 January 2021
Year 11:	15 January 2021

If you have not yet signed up for the Parent App, I would urge you to do so as soon as possible.
- Christmas Holidays and Term Two Dates – The last day of term will be **Friday 18 December** with all pupils finishing at **12 Noon**.
The school will reopen on Wednesday **6 January 2021** which will be a **Week 1**.
As you are aware, the current situation with the pandemic is very fluid, therefore, if there are any changes to these arrangements, I will notify parents using our normal communication channels. (The Parent App and our text messaging service.)
- Holiday arrangements for Track and Trace Covid-19 – If your child tests positive for COVID-19 on the 19, 20 or 21 December 2020, please ensure that you complete the notification form on the school web-site. The school will have to liaise with the Public Health Agency and notify close contacts who will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all pupils on Wednesday 6 January 2021 for Term 2.

Yours Sincerely

B A Heron
Principal