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Dear Parents and Carers,

“...with love from Leybourne”

As we approach the end of what has been quite an extraordinary year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect, and also to ask for your help, please.

2020 has been a year of huge unforeseen challenges and unexpected situations. I am sure that none of us could have predicted COVID-19 and the havoc it would wreak on all of our lives this year. Whilst many people have tragically lost their lives, or have been left to mourn the loss of loved ones, others have found themselves unexpectedly unemployed, or facing huge financial hardship or uncertainty. Some people have suffered significant emotional distress, with a lasting effect on their mental or physical health. Even those amongst us who have been lucky enough not to experience the horrors of the pandemic first hand, have still had our lives impacted to a greater or lesser extent. Try as we might, we won't forget 2020 in a hurry.

But there have been some positives this year – rays of sunshine through the cloud. Possibly the greatest of these has been the renewed sense of community so many of us have experienced and been strengthened by. As we prepare for Christmas, we do so in the knowledge that, for many, this will be a very different Christmas to those they have known before.

To this end, we would like to make gifts of Christmas hampers to those families for whom Christmas 2020 may be difficult, for whatever reason.

If you, or a family you know of, would appreciate a Christmas gift “with love from Leybourne”, please do get in touch. All requests will be treated in confidence – at this time of year, we just want people to feel remembered and supported by our school community. Please just send an email, put a note in the letterbox or leave an answer phone message – it doesn't matter how you contact us – please just let us know if there is anyone we might be able to support. I can't promise riches, but we do hope to make people smile at what may be a very difficult time.

If you would like to contribute towards these gifts, we would be very grateful for your support. We will leave collection boxes at the playground gate and by the school office door if you would like to help.

We sincerely hope that these gifts will be received in the spirit in which they are intended – simply to do what we can to help all members of our school community to have a very Merry Christmas, after what has been a very challenging year.

With my very best wishes to you all

Tina Holditch

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