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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to thank all our families for their continued support throughout the term so far. Working together in partnership provides a strong bond and I am extremely grateful for the interest and involvement that all families play in the support of their son's education. I hope you have enjoyed hearing the about many successes and activities that have taken place since the start of the school year, particularly in the last couple of weeks as our social media pages have, once again, become active.

It has been a real pleasure to see the students engaging in Christmas activities this week. The Christmas lunch and quiz afternoon certainly got them into the festive spirit! It has been a delight to hear about their plans and wishes for Christmas and the New Year, whilst talking to them throughout lessons and social times this week.

Thank you to everyone who provided a cash or food donation on Christmas Jumper Day. We were able to raise £85, as well as provide a large hamper of food items to Bridgwater Foodbank to support families through the holiday period.

The end of term inevitably brings a few staffing changes. Cassie Fairman, teacher of DT, will be leaving us to spend more time with her young family. Debbie Roberts, our Safeguarding Officer, will also be leaving us after 12 years of dedicated support to a number of families throughout that time. Lisa Nash, one of our excellent office team and Cover Organiser, leaves to join the Police at the end of the first week in January. I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for their contribution to Brymore, as well as wishing them every continued success in the future.

These changes bring some new colleagues into our teams. Ann Whiterod has joined as the Senior Administrator and Data Manager and will lead the office team within school. Liam Norris is our new Events Co-ordinator and I am sure that many of you are appreciating his efforts and hard work so far on our social media pages. Kirstie Rogers has started as our Safeguarding Administrator in the safeguarding team. Joining us at the start of next term will be Becky Rowley, to work in the office as our Cover Organiser, along with Jessica Sharland who will work on attendance Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Logan Cottrell will join the Agriculture team as our new Farm Technician and Jana Olanska will start as a Laundry Assistant in the boarding team. I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming these colleagues to the Brymore community.

The festive period often provides an opportunity to reflect on the year behind us, as well as an opportunity to work towards new dreams or aspirations. I hope that all our families are able to spend some quality time together, relax and enjoy the individual celebrations and traditions that are unique to each and every family.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2025!

Yours sincerely



Stefan McHale
Headteacher