



8th December 2021

Dear Families,

What a fun packed autumn term that we have had and there is just over a week left to enjoy.

Next **Wednesday 15th December 2021** the children will be having a Christmas roast and are invited to wear their best Christmas jumper for this occasion. Please do secure your child a hot lunch on this day. Christmas parties will be underway next Thursday too. This is also an opportunity to locate that party wear for the day in preparation for the afternoon class parties.

The Christmas self-care raffle will be drawn on **Friday 17th December** so don't forget to purchase those raffle tickets.

Other highlights this term have included the launch of our BeFed Differently lunchtime experience. We have managed to plan for a Reception Family Feast experience, a High Tea, as well as involve the Head Boy/Girl team in reviewing what is cooked for all of the children. The number of children having a hot meal is certainly increasing and with the plan to re-organise the lunch hall to include new tables and a slightly different lunchtime experience, we hope to secure even more children eating with us.



Our Curriculum has also been reviewed by the BeDifferent Future team this term, who are working hard to ensure that we are supporting and encouraging our school community to be more aware of the impact of Climate Change and what we can do to make some impact on the choices that we make. The Strength Lies in Differences team have hosted some family workshops championing our anti-racism philosophy and action plan and because of the positive response from families, we will be hosting the same workshop for the families of children in Years 3-6 in the New Year.

It has been lovely to hear the sound of our children singing these last few weeks, as they have prepared for their very own Jingle Jamboree. Despite the current outbreak, this has been most welcome, bringing the spirit of Christmas to the community of Lonesome.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to say a very big thank you and farewell to Paisley Ashton-Holt after just over 3 years as our Chair of Governors of the BeDifferent Governing Body. Paisley was also a parent Governor before taking the role of Chair of Governors and she has been instrumental in the growth of the Federation to include securing that Singlegate judgement of outstanding in November 2019.

We do now welcome Katy Willison as our newly appointed Chair of Governors, who was the Chair of Governors of Singlegate and William Morris over ten years ago. Katy was at the helm when Singlegate was moving from a one form to two and then three form of entry and just as William Morris joined the Federation. Katy will soon be introducing herself to you all in the New Year. Welcome Katy.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break with friends and loved ones. Please be aware that we will be finishing at **2.00 pm on Friday 17th December 2021**.

Thank you for all that you do for us.

Mrs Bull

Chief Executive Headteacher