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Dear Parent/Carer

I cannot believe that the year is nearly over, where has the time gone?

I am delighted to let you know the arrangements for our final day this term on Friday 20 December 2019. We will once again be giving the students the opportunity to come to school in Christmas jumpers on that day and we will be asking for voluntary donations of food for the local food bank rather than money for charity. To allow this to happen, one of the school mini buses will be parked outside the reception entrance on 18, 19 and 20 December for students to drop off donations. The minibus will be emptied each day and the donations taken to the local food bank for this very worthy cause. Could you please donate tinned/packet foods, toiletries and soft beverages. Please do not donate fresh milk or any perishable goods.

On Friday, we will have normal lessons until break time and then after break students will take part in our Christmas Concert and Prize Giving in the Hall. This concert will include the winning raffle prizes from the FDMA, as well as our attendance prizes for KS3 and KS4 (a fabulous mountain bike for each winner!). The concert will also include our now legendary House 'sing off', so please allow your daughters and sons to sing Jingle Bells at home in preparation for the day – as always, I will be bringing my ear plugs! Buses will depart from school at 12.00 noon. Arrangements for the Number 24 service bus have been published

At the end of this term we would like to say an enormous thank you and a very sad farewell to Mr Will Towler (Teacher of English), who has taken on a teaching position in Singapore. We wish him all the best. We look forward to working with Mrs Natasha Roderick who will take his place when she joins us in January.

Lastly, on the reverse of this letter is a reminder of the term dates and inset days for the rest of this year and as well as the term dates for the next academic year (2020 – 2021).

On behalf of the staff, governors and students, I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all students back in school and ready to learn on Monday 6 January 2020. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in all that we do at Dene Magna.

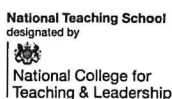
Yours sincerely

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Term Dates 2019 - 2020	
Term 3:	Monday 6 January— Thursday 13 February 2020 (Inset Day - Friday 14 February. Holiday - Monday 17—Friday 21 February)
Term 4:	Monday 24 February—Friday 3 April 2020 (Holiday Monday 6—Friday 17 April)
Term 5:	Monday 20 April—Friday 22 May 2020 (Holiday - Monday 25 — Friday 29 May)
Term 6:	Monday 1 June—Friday 17 July 2020 (Inset Day - Monday 20 July and start of the summer break)

Term Dates 2020 - 2021	
Term 1:	Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020 Inset Days - Tuesday 1 September and Friday 25 September 2020 (Half term Monday 26 – Friday 30 October 2020)
Term 2:	Monday 2 November – 18 December 2020 Inset Day – 27 November 2020 (Christmas break – Monday 21 December 2020 – Friday 1 January 2021) Inset Day Monday 4 January 2021
Term 3:	Tuesday 5 January – 12 February 2021 (Half term – Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2021)
Term 4:	Monday 22 February – Thursday 1 April 2021 (Easter break – Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April 2021)
Term 5:	Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2021 (Half term – Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021)
Term 6:	Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2021