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GREAT WEEK AT KEPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great week at KEPS! Today I watched our Key Stage 1 children having fun with their adults and our Foundation Little Cubs visited the Panto. It has been so busy but it really has been lovely to see everyone being positive and cheerful.

It is not my place to preach to parents, we all 'parent' in our own way and this is absolutely right. However, I am in a unique position to be able to share support whenever possible. Please see my words below as an intention of offering help, support and advice...rather than anything else. If these words aren't necessary - that's fine.

This time of year often results in stress or pressure on adults to make the festive period 'the best ever' or perhaps 'the most magical experience' for our children. For some, this may look like many gifts or presents, the best 'elf on the shelf', several chocolate filled advent calendars and many visits to local festive markets. The list of festive expectations are seemingly endless and it grows each year.

Sure, many of our KingEdwinner children will love all of the above but after many years in this seat, I can categorically tell all parents that when the children return in January... often full of turkey and festive pudding, their recollection of the holidays isn't what you all might expect.

When I talk to our little KingEdwinners, they tell me about playing on the ice or making snow angels. They talk of staying up late to play with their family. I hear stories of grandparents that make the most amazing dinners and aunties that give the best hugs. The children share memories of watching festive movies with their parents and snuggling up in a blanket with tea and biscuits. Occasionally, I hear the odd 'interesting story' of families having a few 'the other drinks' on New Years Eve and how the children had so much fun dancing their socks off whilst celebrating with their family.

One of the most common recollections we hear from children is not necessarily the discussions about the toys and games they received but the people they played with... the time that they beat Dad on Mario Kart or Mummy on FIFA. So many of the children love to tell us about their exploits with siblings and cousins... they absolutely love sharing their stories, even if it is about bickering and arguments they had with big sister.

I have two children myself and I love them more than anything. This Christmas Holiday, I will definitely be enjoying every second that I have with them. I suspect that, just like many of you, I will be tired, stressed and perhaps a little grumpy. However, I am going to make sure that I appreciate every moment I get with my family. Hopefully you are able to do the same too.

As I mentioned earlier, I don't mean to preach to our parents nor do I suggest I am any better at this parenting role than anyone else. I simply want to share what the children tell us in school with the hope that this may help a few of our KingEdwinner families during the festive holiday.

Kind regards,

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