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the one who strengthens me”**

Philippians 4:13  
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Dear Parents

### **End of Year Message**

Next year it will be 245 years since Elizabeth Sale bequeathed an annual income for the education of children in Barrow Upon Trent. This was later combined with funding from foundations offered by Thomas and John Davy to erect the old school building in 1843. Our school remains a thriving community of children; staff; parents; grandparents; carers; governors; church and community members. I would like to thank you all for the many supportive things you do to make it such a pleasure to work at this wonderful school.

At Sale and Davys we continue to always put the children at the heart of everything we do and we have had some wonderful Christmas activities to end what has been a challenging 2020. We have all learned to work in new and different ways over the year but the children and staff have stayed positive and achieved a great deal. Just some of this year's achievements are:

- Back in July our Reception children took part in a class 'Sports Day' where they all received a medal.
- For the last 2 days of the Summer Term we were able to welcome back our Year 6 pupils. They enjoyed forest school activities, a water fight against the staff and a 'Leavers Celebration' on the Community Park.
- In September we welcomed back all our pupils and there were no tears- just lots of smiles! Children have adapted extremely well to their new 'bubbles' and staff have continued to work hard to make learning fun and engaging.
- All PE sessions now take place outside and children are participating in a wide range of energetic sessions which include circuit training, fitness and orienteering.
- In October we held our annual Harvest festival. Children brought in Harvest gifts for the Padley Centre and our service was recorded for parents and grandparents to watch at home.
- During November and December the children have participated in a range of Christmas activities. The Christmas production, Festive Afternoon, Santa Mile, Nativity Storyboard, Arts Week and 'Christmas Carols and Songs for Richmond Village' can all be seen on our website.

I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas with those you love, even though it may need to be using technology our school founders could not even imagine. I look forward to seeing the children returning to school on Monday 4 January 2021. If you are short of a story to read to your child over the holiday you may find the following I found in an old book worth a try.

### **The Kiss**

'Getting late for a meeting, need to run', he said, as he slung his coat over the shoulder, and bounded out of the house. As he drove away, she came running down the stairs two at a time. 'Wait, wait', she said, but he had already left.

Her mouth crumpled like used wrapping paper. 'He forgot to give me a goodbye kiss', she whispered in a voice that trembled under the weight of her hurt. She phoned him, 'you left without giving me a kiss', she said accusingly. 'I am sorry sweetheart', he said, his voice contrite. 'It's okay', she said, trying to be all grown up as she ended the call.



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She gulped down her breakfast morosely, put on her shoes, picked up her school bag and started to walk out of the door, her shoulders slumped. As she climbed down the steps, the car glided to a stop outside the house. He got out of the car. She ran to him, her whole face lit up like a Christmas tree.

'I am sorry I forgot', he said, as he picked her up and hugged her. She said nothing. Her jaw ached from smiling.

Fifteen years later, no one would remember he was late for a meeting, but a little girl would never ever forget that her father drove all the way back home just to kiss her goodbye.

Merry Christmas and a much happier 2021.

Sarah Briggs  
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