

Dear parents and carers,

As we start autumn 2, we begin to think about the upcoming festive season. With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

At Discovery, we have a very dedicated and hard-working staff and we know you will want to thank them. Over recent years it has become more common to purchase gifts for teachers and teaching assistants, which although incredibly kind - is not expected.

Staff at Discovery love their job and your children make it all worthwhile. Buying gifts can become very expensive and all the staff at Discovery would rather your funds were spent on your children and family so that your festive period is as special as possible, particularly now with the increase in energy costs and food bills.

Without a doubt, the nicest gift a member of staff can receive is a handmade picture or card. What a lovely lesson for the children to learn; a 'thank you' is free but warms the heart.

This year, we are also suggesting that you don't need to spend money buying lots of cards to give out. What we will do instead, is ask all children to make a card for another child in the academy, so that every child receives a card this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well over this festive season and hope that you all keep safe and healthy.

Best wishes

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