



New End Primary School pupils singing in Hampstead High Street in November

Picture: POLLY HANCOCK

Alan Girling, deputy headteacher, New End Primary School, writes:

On behalf of the teaching staff and governing body of New End Primary School, I would like to wish all our children and parents – and the wider Camden community – a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Like the previous year, 2021 has been a momentous one and it, too, is ending with a familiar sense of uncertainty. Much has

been lost in these past two years and yet the experience here at New End of the whole school community – parents, carers, volunteers and staff – pulling together during the past 12 months has been truly inspiring. It provides us with our greatest hope in challenging times: that the resilience and basic decency of the overwhelming majority of people will always come to the fore. It is thanks to you all that the school has continued to thrive, doing its best

for the young people it serves in spite of the difficulties all of us have faced – and will surely continue to face in the coming months.

Therefore, like any school, and now as much as ever, we acknowledge and appreciate the patience and understanding of our community as we continue to face up to the pandemic and provide a high quality education for your children.

We remain optimistic that happier and safer times lie ahead.