



December 2020

Stichting Kinderen van Sikkim

Dear Mieke and Jannie

We do hope that you are all well. You should by now have received the December newsletter by post from the UK Committee with lots of news, however we just wanted to send this letter as well, to keep you up-to-date with the latest news. Life moves on very quickly at times and sometimes it's a challenge keeping everyone informed with all that is happening!

There are now 32 children sponsored by the UK who are at the Homes. They will be there to enjoy the Christmas season. 15 of these children have been at the Homes since Covid-19 started, all others having returned home at different times since April. At the start of December, 17 older sponsored children returned to the Homes to prepare for their ICSE or ISC exams which will be held, all being well, in April/May 2021. Their return to the Homes was carried out under strict conditions including testing for Covid-19.

These are challenging times for us all and especially for those at the Homes who have not seen family for some time. However, they are being very well cared for there. All children at the Homes are being treated by the UK Committee to some extra 'goodies' to help them enjoy this Christmas season even more. Also, members of the DGH Board of Management in India are visiting or contacting the families of all the sponsored children still at home, in order to bring some 'Christmas cheer'.

The Principal must wait until the government gives permission for school to restart before more children are allowed back to Kalimpong.

All your supported children are still at home - Sonam, Nitesh, Tumyang and Pemdiki. Lakhi is also still at home. She was given the opportunity of returning to school with other Class X children but made the decision to remain at home for the time being.

Thank you once again for your love and care for these children. 2020 has certainly been a challenging time for all of them.

With very best wishes for a peaceful and safe Christmas,

Ian and Anji Russell

