

THE FAMILY XMAS NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE IN COMIC SANS

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Dear _____ / Friend / Person still on our mailing list,

It's hard to **believe / basic science** that it's that time of the year again. We **hope / give a passing thought / say it for the sake of decorum** that you've had as good a year as we have.

As usual, it's been a **busy / frustrating / tedious year** for the family. Our much loved **pet / child / drifter** (insert name of pet/child/drifter) has had a particularly **great / challenging / life-threatening** year that led to them exploring **new horizons / becoming unemployed / being de-sexed**. They've kept their **sense of humour / continence** throughout, which is a measure of just how **resilient / insane** they are.

Our other (insert name of pet/child/drifter) finished **home detention / school / a grammatically correct sentence** this year, and we **can't wait / worry endlessly** to see them grow into the **adult / clothes / handcuffs** they've always dreamed of.

On the work front, (insert name of spouse/partner) has **thrived / clung on for dear life in the job**, which is no mean feat given the current **financial climate / focus on competence / zombie apocalypse**. There's some talk of a **PhD / three-year sabbatical on welfare / hunger strike**, but let's wait and see on that one.

In other news, we managed a small getaway **overseas / to the country / to the takeaway chicken shop nearby**, which we all enjoyed. It's always **great / excruciating / pointless** getting the family together for a few days, as it makes us realise how **much / little** we value the **bond / mutual dislike** we have for each other. It's the little things like **meals together / knife fights** that you don't get to have at other times during the year. It doesn't matter how old the kids get, they **never / always** get sick of the **jokes / taser**

jolts we provide, which is a credit to the **closeness / repulsion** we all feel as a family.

It's been a year of lows as well as highs. Our dear **mum / dad / aunty / goldfish** (insert name of grandparent / uncle / aunty / goldfish) passed away after a **long / futile** battle with **pink eye / botulism / Familial Hatred Syndrome**. They were such an **important / unavoidable** part of our family and **Sunday dinners / AVO hearings at court** won't be the same without them. The other loss this year came in (insert month) when our dear neighbour / podiatrist / accountant announced their **retirement / self-immolation / bankruptcy**. If anyone can make a recommendation on a replacement, we'd be most **grateful / wary**.

We will finish up there as we promised this year to keep our letter **short / curt**. May your Christmas break be **full / free of love / police intervention / transmissible diseases**. May the coming year include us **seeing / avoiding** you and yours and a healthy dose of **prosperity / comeuppance** for your **family / commune / cult**.

With **love / regret / barely disguised distaste**,

The _____ family

P.S. We'd **love / actively discourage** any correspondence from you, hence the **addition / lack of** an email address at the top of the letter.