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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support and partnership this year. Our school is a great community with exceptionally supportive parents, governors and staff, who all pull together to make this community such a successful and happy one. Your children are delightful and I feel very lucky and proud to be the Headteacher of such a lovely school.

Thank you for all your kind cards and gifts to the staff and to me personally; it is not expected or taken for granted. I do hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and make time to relax a little from the frantic pace of everyday life. If you are travelling, travel safely and enjoy your family time.

School Christmas Dinner

Mrs Howard and her team provided the children with a super meal on Wednesday. Thank you for sending in your children with such lovely hats; I keep saying that the standard can't get better and somehow you keep surprising me! Winners this year were Mirren & Stanley in Red class, Tahlia and Dara in Orange Class, James & Connie in Yellow Class, Arthur & Mia in Green Class, James S & Ria in Blue Class, Freddie & Catherine in Indigo Class, Henry & Tianna in Pearl Class and Richandy & Tom in Violet Class.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service took place last night. Despite smaller numbers of pupils owing to illness, it was a lovely and prayerful service. The children, including the choir, sang beautifully. Well done to Miss Kelly for leading us and to everyone for attending. Thanks especially to the exceptionally talented Mr. Cook, who gave his time very generously to rehearse with us in the morning, again in the afternoon, and accompany us in the service.

Farewell

To Thomas Murphy who is leaving us to go to a new school from January. We wish him well. At the end of the term Mrs. Jennings is leaving us as teaching assistant after 36 years on the team. We aren't losing her entirely though as she will continue to work with Breakfast and After School Clubs. I'd like to thank her for all her years of dedicated service to Margaret Roper. We will all miss her.

Mrs. Wright, who has been a TA with us for 13 years is also leaving today. Mrs. Wright has taught many classes through the years and has also been on school journeys and we will miss her and wish her well.

Mr. Jones leaves the staff from the end of term. As he does so, I'd like to thank him for his work for our school and his service over years.

Fabiola Boschiazio, our assistant cook also leaves us as she has been promoted to cook at Laleham Lea School. We will miss her good humor and her cooking. Fortunately she will retain contact with Margaret Roper as she will continue to run Spanish Club.

PTA News

I have heard from Louise Edmonds, our chair of PTA, that the Christmas Fayre raised £6,700 this year, and that figure may go up further if we are successful in two fund matching applications. This means that the overall funds raised by the PTA this term has been an astonishing £9,500! PTA, you really are fantastic and I want to thank you from the whole school for your hard work, passion and ingenuity. So proud.

Please pray for

Anyone who is in hospital or unwell this Christmas. All who are lonely or bereaved. Ethan, the pupil at Thomas Becket after his horrific accident last week. For families everywhere.

Don't forget school starts back on Monday 6th January at 8.30am.

Have a great break.

Mr Mooney