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Dear Parent/Carer

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School is certainly full of festive cheer, with so many activities taking place this week, the Christmas plays have been a great success and various Christmas parties still to be had. School term ends on Friday 22nd December at 1pm, following our Christmas Carol Service at 10am, St. Gregory's Church, to which all parents are invited. I would like to congratulate all the children who took part in the Christmas plays and to Mrs Wallace, Mr Cole, Mrs Staincliffe and all the staff who helped pull together such excellent productions.

It has been a long and busy term, especially with the school being inspected by OFSTED a week ago, I am not at liberty to say the outcome of this, other than we remain in a strong position and I will email the report out to you when I receive it. We have had many new staff join us this term, to whom I would like to congratulate on how well they have adapted to working here at school, it has been an eventful term in which to start! Quite a number of staff have been absent due to ill health and some staff have also left, this has certainly made our work more challenging and I would like to thank staff for overcoming the additional pressures that this has brought.

I would like to thank parents and carers for the numerous gifts that staff have received from you, the many Christmas cards sent to us and the good wishes you have given us, these things are appreciated by us all. It was encouraging to look at the parental views of the school which were expressed to OFSTED via parent view, the positivity of responses was remarkable and I very much appreciate the support we receive from you all.

The school cannot run without the help of our Governor's and I would like to thank them for all they do and how they help steer our work and support the school's development. In particular thanks to Mr Robert Dunning, Chair of Governors, for the wisdom, time and dedication which he provides to the school. The staff at this school are our greatest asset, their contributions, dedication and the skills which they display day in and day out, are quite exceptional. As the Headteacher of this school and as a member of staff, I cannot understate the huge contribution which Mrs Pickles, Deputy Headteacher, makes to our lives and to the lives of our pupils, I am so grateful for all she does.

I look forward very much to our Christmas break and to the New Year ahead when the school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2018 and I wish everyone a very Merry and peaceful Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher