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Dear parents,

Learning

Turning Pages, Building Writers

Last week, I met with every teacher to discuss each child's progress, and it was wonderful to see how much learning has taken place this term. Writing continues to be a key focus across the school, and one of the best ways to support this is through reading. Reading helps children develop vocabulary, sentence structure, and ideas for their own writing. Whether it's a bedtime story or a chapter book, please make time to read with your child every day—no matter their age. It really does make a difference.

Caring

Capturing the Christmas Magic

A huge thank you to Judith Parkyn, who has beautifully captured so many of our Christmas events this term. Judith has kindly made these photographs available to download for free until New Year's Eve. Please remember they are for personal use only and should not be shared on social media. We are so grateful for Judith's continued support in preserving these special memories for our school community. Please click [here](#) for the link to the photos. The password is sh3rst0n

We're Here to Help

Just a reminder that teachers are available every morning and at the end of the school day for any questions you may have—whether it's about how show and tell works or a quick update on your child's progress in phonics, spellings, or times tables. For working parents who don't see teachers regularly, please email the office to request an update. We're always happy to help.

Achieving

School Council Leads the Way

Congratulations to our school council for their fantastic work this term! They have been busy planning two exciting new incentives: *Lucky Plate Day* (details to follow next term) and the chance to wear non-uniform on your birthday. Last year, we considered changing councillors mid-year, but the children were keen to see their ideas through, so we've decided to keep the same council for the full year. Well done to them for their commitment and creativity!

A Magical Christmas

What an incredible end to the term! From Carols by Candlelight to the KS1 & EYFS Nativity, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Cakes and Cheer, and finally the Christingle Service in church, the children have truly shone. They should all feel very proud of themselves. A special thank you to Mr Moran for the Nativity and Miss Harrison for coordinating all the events so beautifully. And of course, thank you to every member of staff for making this festive season so magical for the children.

Together

Friends of the School Shine Bright

We are so grateful to the Friends of the School for their hard work this term. The new furniture in Chestnut Class looks fantastic, and the children are thrilled! Thank you also for organising the Secret's Room, Film Night, Tuck Shop, and supporting Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Lunch. Your efforts make such a difference.

After-School Club Snacks

Children attending after-school club are welcome to bring a snack. For those in Fireflies Session 2, some children choose to bring their own supper to complement the snack we provide. Our offering includes a sandwich, crudités, a pudding, and a drink, and the feedback from the children has been very positive but we are in discussions with our caterers to see how we can further enhance it.

Safety First in the Car Park

Please do not use the school car park during peak times (morning drop-off and end of the school day). If you are dropping off for Early Birds or collecting from a club, please drive slowly and carefully—there are children about. We've had reports of cars travelling too fast, so please take extra care. Also, avoid parking on dropped kerbs or in front of the crossing, and consider other parents when parking to maximise space for everyone.

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, I want to thank every child, parent, and member of staff for their hard work and support. It has been a term full of learning, caring, and achieving together, and I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a school community.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festive break, make wonderful memories, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 6th January** for another exciting term.

Mr Towers