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Thursday 21st December 2023

<u>End of Autumn Term Letter</u>

Dear families,

We have reached the end of the autumn term, and we are nearly at the end of 2023. Despite many tired faces, both children and staff, we have had a lovely end to the term with lots of singing, acting, dancing, art, music, and laughter. Over the last few weeks, we have seen lots of children take to the stage for their curriculum and Christmas performances. Thank you to all our parents, carers, grandparents, and other relatives who have all been a fantastic audience.

For those children entitled to benefit-related free school meals, vouchers will be issued for the Christmas holiday period. You will receive £20 per child, and they can be accessed via a text that will be sent out tomorrow. If any of our families are struggling financially, we would urge you to contact the school as we do have some funding available to support our families in difficult circumstances.

After a full term in school, we know that many children will start growing out of their uniform; please remember that we have lots of preloved uniform available in school – just speak to a member of staff and we will do our best to find the right sizes for your child. We do expect our children to come to school in the appropriate school uniform every day.

The end of the autumn term is always busy with lots of different events and some parents must feel that they have been in school every day! This time of year can take us all out of routine, and we appreciate the time that is given to support your children and the school, whether that be attending the Christmas Fair, clapping relentlessly at a performance, or rushing to put together a fancy dress outfit late at night.

The staff and children have worked tirelessly this term and do now deserve a break. As always, it will be the little things that the children remember - not the big presents, but the mountain of chocolate; the Christmas games; visiting other relatives; watching films with bowls of popcorn; and making those memories with the people they love. We love to hear their stories about the time they spend with their families.

The children will return to school on Monday 8th January 2024. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Grasby Headteacher