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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is that time again, the term has just flown by. We have had so much to celebrate this term, with Hockey Festivals, Cross Country Event, Reading cafes, Nativity plays, Carol services, Thanksgiving services, swimming lessons, dress down days, charity fundraising, Christmas Fayre and classes receiving DoJo treats including a trip to Cineworld.

Congratulations to our six amazing girls who completed at Lynnsport for the Cross Country Event, in particular to Alexi who placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school also took part in the Multiplication Times Table World Cup and we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in our group. The first nativity play for three years was held in school, we learnt about the Christmas story from the point of view of Honky Tonky Donkey. It was brilliant to see the children overcome their fears and perform on stage, this is a huge achievement for especially as none of them had done this before.

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome parents into the school for reading cafes this term and we hope to host many more in the coming terms.

So far this year classes has earnt 12,150 DoJo Points, which absolutely fantastic! This reflects all the hard work that the children are putting into the school work and reading at home. Please continue to read at home every night, just 20 minutes a day can make all the difference.

We are very excited to announce the installation of a new sensory pod in the New Year, which will provide an additional immersive learning space for our pupils. We have run afterschool clubs for now four nights a week and these has been very well attended, please sign up on ParentPay in the New Year for afterschool clubs. We have also welcomed new lunchtime supervisors to our team: Mrs Daniels and Mrs Pokorny.

The New Year also sees our new school logo, which is a combination of the designs submitted by William and Eliza, who thought carefully about what our school stood for and the history of the village. We have chosen the values; Achieve, Independence and Resilience as our values for the school, as this are the key values as staff we wish most to instill in our pupils.

Our attendance to date has been 92.73%, which is good, despite the many illnesses seen in school. Congratulations to all the classes who have won the attendance cup. Please help to keep attendance high and avoid missed learning time.

Thank you for all your support over this Autumn Term, and your generosity with the cards and gifts and charitable donations. Also a very big thank you to the PTA for the refreshments, Christmas Fayre and contributions to the school. I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and we're looking forward to a happy and successful New Year.

With warm wishes,

Claire Chapman

