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Dear Families,

I cannot believe what a jam packed term this has been!

It has been wonderful to stop and take a moment to reflect and look back at all of the children's achievements this term. They have made some super progress both academically and personally within our Characterful Culture. The children have confidently embraced their learning activities across the curriculum as well as all of the enriching opportunities that they have been able to experience this term, demonstrating motivation, determination, compassion and critical thinking as well as many other virtues - I am extremely proud of them all!

Well done, children and thank you for your continued efforts in striving to be the best that you can be - keep up the amazing work.

I would like to also thank all of you, parents and extended family, for all of your support both at home and in school. Getting the children into school, and on time has such a huge impact on their learning as does supporting with their reading and home learning on a regular basis - so thank you for continuing to work with us collaboratively for the very best outcomes for all of your children.

This term has seen some fabulous community events where we have been able to bring our school together and join with the wider community enabling joy, purpose and celebration as well as facilitating the children to be inspiring volunteers and inspiring fundraisers. They have worked together with our committed, creative and supportive PTFA in raising funds to provide additional experiences and resources to further enhance the children's learning provision. A huge thank you and well done to you all!

Headteacher: Mrs Samantha Drew



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We have also been very fortunate in having some very generous donations to support the school this Term - The Jubilee Committee donated £400 which has been spent on cooking resources to enhance the children's experiences and our Design Technology curriculum. Mills Memorial Trust granted £500 to us as a Church of England School which is going towards the improvement and replenishment of our playground and outdoor learning facilities to support the children's education and last but not least, only this week, Andy Smith from the Royal Oak organised a wonderful community event in the village where the proceeds of funds raised will be split between ourselves and St Edmunds. Discussions will take place early in the spring term with the children and staff to decide on what they would like to spend these funds on. Thank you all so much on behalf of myself, the children and staff. We are extremely grateful.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers for giving up their time and skills to add another valuable contribution to the children's learning and experiences. Linda and Lottie and Pam Parkes, the children and ourselves love seeing you each week!

If there is anyone else that has time to spare to listen to the children read or to share a skill, and you would be interested in volunteering on a regular basis, then please let myself or Mrs Bray know.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks also goes out to all of our fabulous staff who continue to demonstrate their care, commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in working together to provide the very best learning environment and experiences for all of our children!

Here are a few pictures of our Christmas festivities this week:



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Along with our regular posts on Seesaw, Facebook and our curriculum updates, you can also read more about some of the key highlights from this half term in our Trust Newsletter (link shared earlier).

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

Very best wishes,
Sam Drew

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Drew', located below the typed name.