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Dear parent/guardian,

As the end of the year approaches, I want to extend my thanks to you all for your continued support. I can hardly believe that we are at the end of the autumn term and yet here we are, another year complete. Your children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of everything they have achieved – it is a joy to work with them and they make a hard job so worthwhile. The year is never complete without the key stage two Singalong and I do hope you are able to come and join us for this (2:00pm 21.08.2023). Warm up your voices and be ready to 'Bump Up and Down on a Camel' or face the wrath of Mrs Farnworth!

It has been a pleasure to watch our nursery, reception and key stage one nativities, with the year three and four choir supporting. A lot of hard work goes into the rehearsals for these and the children (and staff!) did a wonderful job. Hopefully you will have thoroughly enjoyed them. Your generosity in terms of the raffles, the Christmas Fair and the Fun Festivities in key stage one is greatly appreciated. As you know, the school budget gets tighter year upon year and so the money raised at these fundraisers is a considerable help to us in buying new reading books for the children and resources to support the curriculum.

Unfortunately, Mrs Rice will be leaving us at Christmas as she takes up a position closer to home. We will be very sad to see her go and want to wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Rice has travelled far to work with us since returning from maternity leave and I know you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work. I am, however, delighted to let you know that Mrs Shaw will be joining us full time to replace Mrs Rice on Thursdays and Fridays.

I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. When we return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, I am sure it will all seem a distant memory but hopefully Father Christmas will bring everything you have wished for. Thank you to everyone for the lovely Christmas cards, well wishes and kind words of support – they really are appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

With very best wishes,

*J. B. Heap*

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