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Dear parents/carers,

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks at school. We have really enjoyed sharing our different performances with you – the children were absolutely wonderful and definitely demonstrated all of our Make a Difference values through their hard work to prepare and perform for large audiences.

We have also had our Christmas parties which included visits from Santa who sang and danced with the children and added to the excitement and enjoyment of the time of year. Many thanks to our wonderful Parent Fundraisers who organised these parties.

A big 'thank you' should also go to our school cook, Gemma, and her team, for preparing and serving an excellent Christmas dinner last week. This traditional meal was really well received and we heard so many positive comments from the children and staff.

As we come to the holidays, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Goodhead who has worked as a teaching assistant at our school for many years. We wish her a very happy retirement.

We break up for the end of term tomorrow. As communicated in a previous letter, we will be opening the gates at 2pm for an early break-up should you wish to collect your child early. For those children who are allowed to walk home by themselves, we must have had written permission if you are happy for them to leave by themselves at 2pm.

We return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. We hope that by then, the bugs and illnesses that have been affecting so many children and adults in our community will have abated. Children break up for half term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February (as Friday 10<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day for teachers).

I hope that you all have a happy and peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Warmest regards

Mrs Essex

