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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the term it really does feel as if the last two weeks have whizzed by in a hive of activity. I hope that those of you who attended the Reception and Year One concerts enjoyed them as much as the children enjoyed performing for you. It was lovely to see so many of you at the crib service at St Peters Church. The children in Years Two, Three, Four and Five sung so well, and those who had roles to play whether playing the recorder, reading or putting characters in the crib scene, rose to the occasion. The children who played in the instrumental concerts all participated with confidence and now that we have so many children learning musical instruments it will be good to see the development of our school orchestra in January. The pantomime and Christmas lunch have been enjoyed by all as well as all that snow!

Over the past term the children have participated in so many learning activities both in and out of the classroom. These have included trips, visits and speakers to support the curriculum. There have been a number of charity fund raising activities which have really helped the children to think about how they can help others who are not so fortunate as themselves. Year Five participated in Moneysense workshops led by Natwest Bank and I am very grateful to the staff from the bank who gave up their time to run the workshops. Hosting the Premier League trophy in school along with representatives from Watford Football club was very exciting for us all and their messages about respect and fair play were good reminders. There have also been a number of after school activities run voluntarily by school staff who have given up their time after school to do so. I am very grateful to the staff for this. All of these additional activities have enriched the curriculum and learning experiences for the children.

French Lessons

When we come back to school in January, Apple and Lime classes will have French lessons each week with Madame Annis.

Eco Schools

We are very proud to let you know that we have just achieved our Silver Eco Schools award. Over the past twelve months we have been working on a number of sustainability projects in school to reduce, reuse and recycle. These projects have been led by our class eco reps and the eco committee. We are now working towards the next milestone in the Eco Schools programme which is the Green Flag award.

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Thomas (Sage Class teacher) tomorrow and thank her for teaching Sage class this term. We welcome Mrs Warner to our team in January who will replace Mrs Thomas. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Ballesteros Parra who has worked as part of the midday supervision team for the past year and a half.

Parent View

Parent View is one of the ways that Ofsted collects parental views about their child's school. All schools in the country are listed on this website and parents are encouraged to respond. If you would like to post your views about our school please visit : <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> find our school, and complete the short survey.

Date for the Diary

Some advance notice for the new year. We have arranged an e-safety information evening for parents on Wednesday 17th January at 6.30pm. Further information will follow closer to the date.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped us over the term. Many of you have helped at PTA events, on trips or visits, with activities in school or hearing children read. We do appreciate your support and the children benefit greatly from your help.

Co Headship

As many of you are aware I will be working as a job share with Mrs Stray in the new year. I will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Stray Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and as you can see we overlap on a Wednesday. Mrs Stray is looking forward to joining Alban City School and I know that many of you met her recently when she was in school. We are both looking forward to working together in the new year.

Please remember that we finish for the Christmas break on Tuesday 19th December at **1.30pm** and school resumes again for the children on Thursday 4th January at the usual time.

I do hope that you have Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher