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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of an incredibly busy, fun filled term. Teachers and support staff have done an amazing job planning and delivering engaging learning for all children and making sure we are closing any gaps in learning from the last lockdown. Your children have made excellent progress this term and we know how much the home learning and online engagement is supporting this. Thank you!

We are pleased that we were able to send every single child to the pantomime, see our year 4 and 5 children off on a special winter residential and soar high with our year one children as they took a flight on the London Eye. In the last week we have welcomed parents to our outdoor winter wonderland, proudly watched reception in their nativity and received a visit from Father Christmas himself!

We know the months ahead pose particular challenges. At St Matthias we have continued to keep stringent covid measures in place, with limited interaction between classes, separate gates, hand washing, additional cleaning measures and staff testing twice weekly. These will remain. We ask that if you child has covid symptoms to keep them home and carry out a PCR test. At this point in time there is no guidance to suggest we will be moving back to remote learning. We expect all children back in school in January. If this changes, we will of course contact you. We know how well established our virtual offer was last time, so although not ideal, we could adapt back if needed. Our priority to is keep all children, safely, in school, every day.

As we move towards Christmas, we send love and blessings to you and your family and wish you all the best for the new year. The children's first day back will be Thursday 6th January- which will be my day to introduce the interim headteacher, Mrs Redman, before I take maternity leave. I can't wait to hear about the children flourishing and growing throughout 2022 and fondly await my return to the school and the community at the end of the year.

Have a wonderful holiday and see you in the new year!

With love,

Lucy Blewett
Headteacher

