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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, in school, we are busy finalising performances and carrying out festive activities in between end of term assessments. We look forward to sharing links to the videos with you at the end of the week.

Some of you have asked me whether we are planning to close early this week due to recent government announcements; we felt that there has been insufficient notice for parents/carers to make alternative arrangements. Therefore, our final day at Barrow 1618 will be Friday 18th as originally planned.

Last week, everyone thoroughly enjoyed Christmas lunch/party day as well as Christmas Jumper Day and the Santa Dash. £175 was raised for Save the Children so thanks to everyone who donated. Father Christmas visited each class: Yew Tree and Elm had class visits over Zoom, whereas the older pupils, in Ash and Elm, had individual Zoom meetings. We even caught him walking across the school grounds with his sack of toys! I have heard, on very good authority, that he was extremely impressed by the thoughtful questions and requests from the children - as well as their lovely manners!

Next, I have some news that has made us all very sad in school and I know that you will feel the same: at the beginning of next term Mrs Canessa-Evans will be leaving us. She is a much-loved and superbly talented member of staff and we will miss her tremendously. Mrs Canessa-Evans has given her heart, soul and expertise to the school for the last five years and it will be a wrench to see her leave. I know that she feels this too - it has been a difficult and an emotional decision. Even so, Mrs Canessa-Evans, an excellent English teacher, feels that the time is right for her to continue with her tutoring career that she enjoys so much. She will be back for the first week of next term when I know you will want to join us in saying goodbye to her as a member of staff and wishing her well.

Finally, even though it may be different to those in the past, myself, all of the staff and governors of Barrow 1618, wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year – who knows what that will bring! However, I am confident that our strong Barrow family shall continue to show our resilience, work together and move forward successfully.

Yours sincerely,
Sian Stephenson
(Headteacher)