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Dear parents/carers

There are lots of people to thank as the end of term draws near: the VSA for their unstinting efforts at fund-raising and for constantly reinforcing at all their events the caring, family atmosphere that characterises life at Victoria; our friends at St Peter's church for helping us create the distinctive Christian character that exists here; our dedicated governors for the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to give us strength and vision; our fantastic staff team for making learning fun and every day at work a pleasure; you, the parents, for your support, feedback and positivity and for entrusting us with your precious children.

Spending this festive season with them has been a real treat. Advent is always a special time in schools and for the adults who work in them it often brings back those feelings of awe and wonder about Christmas that are easily lost as we grow older. This year has been no exception and there have been many such moments thanks to the Year 2 carol singers, the travelling crib, Nursery's Christmas Assembly, Reception's Nativity Show, our trip to the pantomime and the wonderful joint carol service at St Peter's this morning. Many of these moments also serve as a reminder of the simple human story behind the festivities and we should all hold onto this as we brace ourselves for the coming week of seasonal cheer.

Beyond that, there's a lot to look forward to in 2019. Please put Wednesday 16 January at 7:00pm in your diaries as the E-safety information evening at Westfield, it is a cross-town event that we believe is a must for all parents of primary aged children. We will be building up to World Book Day with another Extreme Reading Challenge and on the day will invite children to wear pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story. We are also planning some exciting whole school themed days linked to RE and Science. And we will build on the work we have done this term on well-being and happiness in 'Feeling Good Week' in early February.

It's been an amazing term and I am sure spring 2019 will bring more of the same. I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 8 January.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Crozier
Head of School