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Dear Parents/Carers,

The staff and I would like to send all our friends and families season's greetings and wish you a happy New Year for 2019.

This has been a very special term at Foxwood Academy. September was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first official academic year, and with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of education for children with Special Education Needs rapidly approaching (2021) I am reminded of how hard parents, teachers and those involved with SEN must have worked in the 1970s to secure access to quality education for all children. Interestingly, it wasn't until December 1918 that the first women were able to vote in the UK. People who stand up for those without a voice are hugely important to us all and deserve to be remembered.

Once again, we have had a thoroughly busy and active autumn term. Upgrades to our facilities continue and we were proud to officially open the sensory garden at the end of November. This now ensures that our sensory spaces across the Academy are modern, fit for purpose and available throughout the day. The growth of the Willow Den and inclusion of the Mongolian Yurt provides new, dry, accessible and interesting spaces to play and learn. Most importantly it gives our children and young people access to an increasingly diverse environment.

Again, I'd like to thank all of the staff who dedicate so much of their time to Foxwood each term but also congratulate them in their work outside of the Academy. Late November saw a number of staff take part in Framework's Big Sleep Out, a charity event to help tackle homelessness in Nottinghamshire. The group helped raise over £38,000 for the charity and were an inspiration to us all. Photographs of the event and the sensory garden can be found on our Facebook page.

Once again, the Academy were involved in its carol singing concert in Beeston in early December. This along with the Christmas Fair and Christmas jumper day raised almost £1000 for the Academy and for local charities. I would also like to formally thank Friends of Foxwood who have recently bought us a number of accessible bikes for the children and young people to use at break times and in PE lessons.

Finally, I'd like to thank the parents for their ongoing support of Foxwood Academy. In a time of political turmoil, budget cuts and austerity it's rewarding to know that our children are supported at home and at school. If you do ever have any concerns, please feel free to contact us via the website or by telephone and we will be happy to help.

Wishing you a well-deserved and relaxing break.

James Hutchinson  
**Headteacher**

