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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of festive fun.

At the start of the week, the children had lots of fun wearing pjs and watching Christmas movies. Thanks to FOG and the staff teams who made this possible.

Due to the iffy weather at the start of the day on Tuesday, we decided it would be best for Jeff and Gill from St. Nick's to join us. We didn't want to add to the coughs and colds doing the rounds with 300 cold and wet children! Despite not being in church, the service was still magical. The children have definitely got talent – reciting poetry, singing and signing a multitude of songs and carols and listening intently to readers. They were all fabulous!

Mid-week fun... many laps were completed on our Charity Reindeer Run - action shots can be seen on Twitter. Along with their noses and antlers, the children sported some amazing festive knitwear - bells, reindeer noses that light up, sparkles, glitter, sequins, images that changed from snowmen to penguins and rows of snowflakes and Santa Clauses everywhere – the day had a festive atmosphere!

Thank you for your donations and for spreading some Christmas cheer in our community and beyond during these difficult times. We will let you know how much has been raised as soon as it's been counted.

Disaster struck late yesterday when we got a call from the theatre company to say Cinderella was unwell. However, an online panto company have come to the rescue and as I write this, our virtual panto 'Cinderella' is in full swing. Lots of cheering, booing, 'it's behind you", "oh no it's not' can be heard around the school. A fun way to end a very busy term!

Today we say a sad farewell to Mrs Wilkinson who is pursuing a new career in 2024. The good news is she will continue her role as a Governor of the school so will still be a part of our school family. Although we will miss her hard working, positive and cheery nature, we wish her well and hope she soon settles into her new role.

We also say thank you and farewell to Miss Fagan-Batty who has been covering Mrs Hinson's maternity leave this term. To continue the year in a strong position, Mrs Hinson has been in this term to get to know the children and liaise with Miss Fagan-Batty and the team about the children, the planned curriculum and Autumn term outcomes. This will support a smooth transition in January.

Reflecting back on this term we have many things to celebrate. The children have been happy and excited to be in school. They have worked extremely hard and are making good progress. Having your support has made this possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from my heart for everything you have done to make sure that your children are in school and our school policies and procedures have been adhered too. My thanks also go out to the staff team for their commitment to our children and the school. I am so fortunate to work with such a wonderful team. Now I think everyone is ready for a well-deserved break!

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Greenleas I wish you a safe and relaxing Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all at 8:45am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with a shake off the winter blues themed day. Your child can come to school wearing something blue e.g., hair bobbles, socks or a whole blue outfit (no football kits please).



Warmest wishes to you and your family. Mrs Sharon Edwards Headteacher