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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout this term. I feel that our pupils have worked hard and made a good start to the year, both in lessons as well as in the multitude of extra-curricular clubs and activities which have taken place.

Although we have just over one week to go until the end of term, there are a lot of things happening before then. This is the last week of our "Attendance Challenge". We have already had weekly winners from each year group, earning themselves a £10 voucher for full attendance. This will continue this week. Special prizes will also be given for 100% attendance including five chances to win £50 and a chance to win £100.

The Community Christmas party will take place on Monday 18 December 2017. Our Year 7 pupils are getting excited about hosting the afternoon of festive fun. And on Thursday 21 December 2017 we also have our "Wear your Christmas Jumper to School" event. We are going to be raising money for the "Save The Children" appeal, as well as for our Lesotho charity. A voluntary donation of up to 50p would be appreciated.

Our Christmas lunch for staff and pupils is on Thursday 21 December 2017. In order to be able to cook a festive lunch for approximately 900 people, there will be a reduced choice of other items. Naturally, we will provide a vegetarian option for those who require this. In order to get this right on the day, pupils will be asked whether they want the Christmas lunch. The lunch menu will be displayed on the school website. If you do not think this meets your child's dietary requirements you may decide to provide them with a packed lunch. If you need to discuss this, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Recently we attended St Patrick's Church (Ryhope) Carol Service with our senior prefects. This was a fantastic evening which culminated in the presentation, to the Salvation Army, of the toys which have been collected by us and other schools. Everyone's generosity has been overwhelming this year, so I would like to pass on our thanks to you all.

I would like to remind you that we break up for the Christmas break on Friday 22 December 2017. Pupils will be dismissed between 1.15pm and 1.30pm.

School will be closed for the duration of the Christmas break. The School Office will re-open at 8.00 a.m. on Monday 8 January 2018.

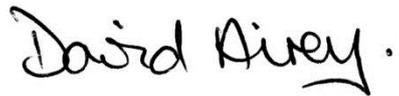
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Please note that pupils return to school on **Monday 8 January 2018**. The main school building will open to pupils as usual at 8.30am, and our free breakfast club will be open from 7.45am that day.

I would like to wish all of our pupils, parents, carers and community a restful and Happy Christmas, as well as a prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Airey
Head of School

