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Dear Parents

As this term draws to a close and we look forward to Christmas, it offers us an opportunity to reflect. Each year, we continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for all our pupils; ensuring they thrive in a safe and secure environment. The past two years we have focused on the development of writing skills across all key phases. This academic year our focus is on reading, you may have noticed this when visiting your child's class as book covers are now created as classroom doors. Entering their classroom is now entering into a literary world. As well as equipping our pupils with key skills, we also want them to develop a love and enjoyment of the written word. All classes now visit the library on a half termly basis, providing a time to engage with the library staff and all that the library has to offer. This is an enjoyable experience for all pupils; where they also have the opportunity to choose a book.

More recently we have had a special visitor to school, a little dog called Milo. Many of the pupils have had time to come out of class and to sit and read to Milo. This further promotes the love of reading as well as encouraging pupils to take time out in a quiet and relaxing environment to enjoy a good book. I would also like to say a special thank you to all the volunteers who come into school to help and support our pupils reading.

We are proud of the fact that this term we have joined together with members of our local community to celebrate the end of the First World War. On Remembrance Sunday our Deputy Head Boy and Girl, Liam and Anushka laid a wreath on our behalf, while our Junior Mayors, Emily and Bailey accompanied the Mayor at the services he attended. With our continued focus on the Arts, we celebrated this occasion with a whole school assembly where each child laid a poppy they had created themselves, in a very meaningful tribute to the fallen.

Another highlight this term has been the installation of the new physical play equipment. This now provides a safe, fun filled enhancement to our playtimes. This has been a huge success with the pupils; we are delighted with the impact it has had in such a short space of time.

As ever the children have again enjoyed a variety to fun filled activities arranged by FoSL. We are really grateful to them for their dedication, time and commitment in helping to raise funds to enhance the pupil experience at our school. They contributed significantly to the cost of our recent visit to the Theatre, ensuring we were able to offer this





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experience to all pupils. This was undoubtedly a very enjoyable experience for all our pupils.

In recent weeks, there has been further emphasis on joining together with members of the local community, to celebrate and share in the joy of Advent and the Christmas season. The choir sang at both Frodsham Festival and the Christmas tree festival at the Methodist church. Last weekend, members of the choir sang at the parish carol service. Members of our Mini Vinnies attended Castlefield's Residential home to sing and chat. We feel this is an important time in which to give something back to our local community. We are always very proud of the way the children represent the school.

Today at our end of term mass, it was again a privilege to celebrate with the children, Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners. Through word and song they helped us all to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas; we were particularly proud of our choir who led the singing; many positive comments were given as the congregation left. I would like to thank Father Kenny for not only celebrating mass with us today, but also along with Father Colin joining us for our penitential service and hearing confession.

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received a certificate for either 99% or 100% attendance. We placed all their names into a draw and Tomas Coyne and Jason You have won the overall prize of a £10 and £20 gift token. We would like to see more children in the draw at the end of next term.

Today your child will take home a copy of this terms progress report. We do encourage you to discuss this with your child, to create that dialogue on how to improve progress. If there is anything you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment in the Spring term.

Mrs Aston, one of our Middy's who has served our school community for seventeen years is retiring today. She is very much loved by everyone, and will be very sadly missed. However, we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for an enjoyable retirement.

We would also like to wish Jess Wharton (the Manager of St. Luke's Pre -School) all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new baby, hopefully early in the spring term.

The successes of this term are down to the commitment of our staff and the support we receive from parents. While I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication I would also like to say thank you to all parents for the way you give generously of your time and support. On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a





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very happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year, when the new term begins on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Yours sincerely

E M Murtagh
Headteacher

