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Dear Families,

I hope you had a positive break over the half term.

As we move further into the autumn term and begin looking ahead to the festive season, it has been lovely to see our children continuing to grow in confidence, develop their friendships and embrace the many opportunities that school life offers. Every day, we see examples of our children being curious, compassionate and determined to do their best, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Flexible Learning

We continue to develop our extensive offer across the through school for break, lunchtime and after school clubs. Please encourage your child to access this wide-ranging offer, and to use it as an opportunity to try out new experiences and activities. A full list of our current clubs is available to view here.

Attendance Matters

As the winter months approach, we know that coughs, colds and seasonal illnesses can make attendance more challenging. However, every school day matters. Being in school regularly helps children develop friendships, establish positive routines and make the most of their learning.

Thank you for continuing to prioritise attendance and punctuality. If your family is experiencing any difficulties, please speak to us so that we can work together to help.

Leadership & Governance

We are grateful to our governors who continue to support the work of the school. We have had two declarations of interest for the posts of Parent/Carer Governor and are pleased to announce that Anastasia Karanika and Sarah Byde will renew their terms of office in this role.

I would also like to update you that we are saying farewell to Mrs Harkness, as she is moving on from CMCS. Mrs Harkness has been an integral part of the development of our Primary Phase and contributed significantly to the school's success and achievements. We wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Holdsworth, Vice Principal, will be overseeing the primary phase in the interim, ably supported by our primary phase managers Miss Kurylo, Miss Clark and Mr Grealish.

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Festive Acts of Kindness

This year, we will be encouraging children to think about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Our festive kindness pledges will give children the opportunity to choose something thoughtful they can do for someone else, whether that is helping at home, including a new friend in an activity or simply making another person smile. We hope that families will enjoy supporting their children with these pledges and celebrating the positive difference they will make.

Winter Fair

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the school community to our Primary Phase on Friday 4th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm, when we hold our first Winter Fair. Following on from the success of our community Summer Fair, the event will be an opportunity to reflect on the festivals of Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah as well as engage in a range of stalls and games and partake in a hot dog and some sweet treats. We are grateful to the dedication of our Friends of Carr Manor who significantly support the organisation and planning of this event.

Staff INSET

A reminder that school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November for Staff INSET. We look forward to welcoming back our children at the usual times on Tuesday 1st December.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and encouragement.

Yours faithfully,

Lucie Lakin
Principal

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