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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well – the end of term is here and what a time we've had! It has been a term of peaks and troughs but we are still smiling at Barrow 1618!

This will be a short letter today - just as I am running out of the energy to write, I know that you will be running out of the energy to read. There are mainly thank-yous and best wishes left to share with a sprinkling of news.

The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed well-deserved Christmas festivities and events in school and we have been so happy to have been able to give them a good time.

In our celebration assembly this morning, as well as acknowledging our Barrow Hearts and Stars for the week, Mrs Adams received a warm send-off to begin her maternity leave. We shall miss her while she is away and wish her all the very best during the exciting new phase in her life as a mum. She will keep us all updated!

During the spring term, Miss Ellis has decided on a return to focus all of her teaching in Yew Tree Class with Mrs Preston; another teacher will be taking over her role in Ash Class alongside Mr Holmes. This post has been advertised and interviews will be held in the new year. We have appreciated all the hard work and commitment shown by Miss Ellis towards the Year 3/4 pupils. She has enjoyed her time in Ash Class and will continue to work with them until the teacher appointed is able to take over.

Ash Class were rewarded by the Friends of Barrow today for winning the coin collection challenge; the winners of the Values Art Competition have been selected. Well done to them all.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Food Bank. The generous contributions from Barrow 1618 were outstanding and gratefully received by the Food Bank, filling two large trolleys.

Thanks also to Gary Williams for being an amazing DJ at the children's parties – a good time was had by all; thanks to Emma Richardson and Sally Hobday for cooking and preparing the Christmas and party food; and thanks to our parent volunteers who did a wonderful job helping at the parties.

As always, there has been a lot of love and support in our community this term and the teamwork has been brilliant. Many thanks to all of you.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday 5th January and wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Sian Stephenson
(Headteacher)