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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continued support as we work together as a school community.

We have had an extremely successful term full of learning and achievement. We have introduced our daily 'community', an opportunity to come together as year groups and celebrate excellence as well as deliver key messages.

Many children have taken part in representing our school and achieving excellence over the term. Some of our achievements include:

- The Year 10 boys' basketball team won the County Championship at Nottingham Trent University, and the Year 11 girls basketball team won a silver medal. All played brilliantly and showed tremendous teamwork
- Qualification for the Football Premiership Competitions to take place in February and March
- Year 8 girls qualified for the athletics shield
- Year 8 boys qualified for the athletics finals
- 519 children joined the '100 club' in September for 100% attendance and were awarded with a trip to Jurassic Cove Mini-Golf. This also included a trip to Jurassic Cove for 27 young carers. All children completed the round, despite an extremely ferocious Tyrannosaurus Rex roaring at them
- 41 children spent the morning at Nottingham's Winter Wonderland as a reward for regular attendance at extra-curricular clubs
- 22 children took part in the Creative Education Trust Shakespeare Event where they showed their talent for the performing arts
- All children in Year 7 and 8 have competed in a Winter Inter-Form sporting competition including Football, Dodgeball and Quiet Sports
- Thriving extra-curricular sporting clubs including trampolining, football, basketball, cricket, fitness, and cheerleading
- 6 additional extra-curricular clubs have been set up in other areas including dance, drama, craft, rap music



- 5 children had the opportunity to travel to London with Mrs Viela to experience a rehearsal with the Cross Trust Choir
- All Year 7 children had a tasty treat for a perfect attendance week in September
- For attendance rewards, 152 Year 7 children received waffles, 145 Year 8 children and 125 Year 9 children had pancakes, 196 Year 10 children and 201 Year 11 children visited the hot chocolate station
- 573 children have also won a selection box today for excellent attendance
- The following tutor groups won the attendance league and were rewarded with Domino's pizza: 7GWI, 8CFA, 9KDU, 10LAN, 11KLA
- 123 children in Year 7-11 are having instrumental lessons in either brass, woodwind, strings, piano, guitar, voice, or drums

Plus, many, many more...

In January, we will look to continue to improve our school attendance in our 'Plan 4 Jan' initiative, where children will have the opportunity to earn rewards every week for attending school, on time.

Over the Christmas break, we do not expect children to complete homework unless they should wish to. Some teachers have continued to set assignments on our online platforms, such as Seneca and Sparx as some children have requested this (particularly those who are expecting to sit exams in the new year) but there is no requirement to have completed this.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school, ready to learn and in full school uniform, on Monday 8th January at 8.40am.

Kindest regards,

MRS G JOHNSON
HEAD OF SCHOOL

