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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the autumn term comes to a close, we cannot believe how much has been packed into such a short space of time. We have had all kinds of adventures, from the Great Fire of London to the volcano in Pompeii, whilst also experiencing some quieter times fossil hunting and discovering mysterious eggs!

We hope that you enjoyed seeing your child's work at the recent topic celebration event. The children are very excited about starting new topics in the spring term and we cannot wait to see the next pieces of work that they produce.

Our PODs team of parents and helpers have again worked very hard this term. Their 'Tea with Santa' evenings are always popular, and they did not disappoint us this year. They also helped with the grand raffle and mini Christmas Fayre as well as putting on a brand new Christmas Craft session. We have had feedback from parents that the children enjoyed these events and there is a strong desire for more. We know that the PODs would love to do more, and they have lots of ideas, but we need more volunteers to put these into practice. If you are interested in helping, please speak to the school office. It does not need to be time consuming – even offering to wrap gifts at home helps.

We have to say some 'goodbyes' today to the staff who are off to start new adventures. Mrs Holden, Mrs Masters, Mrs Naish, Mrs Spring, Mrs Vullo, Mrs Hutchins and Mrs Jeffery-Norton are all leaving us today with our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Today should also be Mrs Wilby's last day in school before her maternity leave, however we are pleased to announce that her little baby girl arrived on Saturday! Mother and baby are both home and doing very well. Whilst Mrs Wilby is away, Mrs Ensor will still be here to hold the fort, ably assisted by Mr Lewis and Mrs Hankin.

School closes today for the holidays. We wish you all a lovely break, a Merry Christmas and a great 2019. As always, we thank you all for your support this term and look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 3rd January for the start of a new term and a new year!

Yours sincerely

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