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Dear Parent/Carer

Tomorrow is the final day of what has been a very busy, happy and successful term. Thank you to all the staff and students who have worked so hard to make it so. I have been particularly impressed with how well Year 7 have settled to the challenges of secondary school and Year 11 deserve a special mention for the very positive approach they have shown towards their mock examinations over the past two weeks.

In our final assembly of the term we will celebrate many of the individual and group triumphs of the term. Congratulations to all who receive a certificate or award. An important aspect of the final assembly of the year is the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Although Christmas has become many things it is certainly the case that it is a time when we all can take a pause from the normal hustle and bustle of daily life to think of individuals and communities experiencing particular difficulties.

Over the course of this term students have raised money to support a range of local, national and international charities. The most recent effort to collect items to fill Christmas shoe boxes has been an enormous success. So far 45 boxes have been filled and passed on for distribution to families in need.

As a final effort this term I would like the school to make a donation to Crisis, to support their work with the homeless. Crisis is a national charity, operating in many centres across the country, that aims to end homelessness. Over Christmas week they provide support for the homeless. Each place costs £26.08. On our last day of term I would like us all to turn out our loose change and see how many individuals can be supported by donations from Mary Webb School. If we were all to find 25p we could provide support for five homeless people over the Christmas period. If we were to average 50p..., well I am sure you can do the maths! Senior students will be around collecting donations on Friday.

Finally, thank you for all your support this term, particularly with the ferrying of students to and from school during the disruption of the last week. Thank you to the bus companies who have worked in very demanding conditions during this period.

On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

School reopens on Tuesday, 2nd January 2018.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Mr A J Smith
Head Teacher