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Dear Parents / Carers,

It would appear that we have arrived at the end of term following a long stretch since September (seventy two school days I make that if we take PD days out of the equation) so there is little wonder that everybody is just a bit weary at this point!

Christmas Singalong

It was brilliant to see so many of you on Tuesday at the 'Singalong' and I think it was possibly the busiest one we have ever had! It certainly appeared that people enjoyed themselves and never before have I known numerous litres of hot chocolate to sell out! Many thanks to you all for making the effort to join us as we are never quite sure whether or not it will be popular; evidence would suggest that maybe it is! I would also like to say a big thank you to the staff for supporting this out of hours as well as getting everything set up (and taken back down again afterwards). This obviously includes our Premises Manager Mr Magor who ensures that everything is 'right'!

Class Parties

It has been lovely seeing the children enjoy their Christmas Parties this week, helping provide a bit of a festive feel to the last few days. Sadly, I always seemed to find I had something else on each time one of the parties was scheduled and missed out on a dance. Never mind. Always next year.....!

Reindeer Run

Thanks to all who have already handed in their sponsor forms. If you haven't done so yet, it is obviously not a problem at all. If it could all be handed in by Friday 9th January that would be terrific as the team at Teesside Hospice will be coming to collect it.

Parent Forum

For a while now, we have operated a 'Parents' Forum' which is, perhaps, a bit more formal-sounding than it is. The rationale behind this is fairly straightforward. We as a school are genuinely keen to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Consequently, it seems logical to work with a nucleus of parents / carers who can 'represent' the class / year group that their child is in. We meet usually each half term, have a coffee (generic term for any form of drink, hot or cold!!) and share thoughts. We currently have reps for Year One, Two and Three (but not each of the classes within those areas) but if you would like to be a part of it, perhaps share thoughts within your own 'parent / carer class group' and let me know! It is worth pointing out that some of the discussions we have had in the past have led to some changes within school so it is an 'impactful' group.

And Finally....

That is it for me this week and for 2025! Thanks to you all for your continued support through the term (and, indeed, the past twelve months). On behalf of all of the staff, thank you also for the cards, gifts and kind words which have been given. Your kindness and generosity is enormously appreciated by us all.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break and hope that you get to spend time with those most important to you.

Have a lovely Christmas.

Yours Sincerely
C. Gibson

Mr C Gibson and all of us at Belmont Primary