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Dear parents/carers

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The Friends' Christmas Fair started the usual 'end of term' feeling: thank you to the Friends and everyone who supported this. It brings to the close a number of events this term that have helped raised some welcome funds for additional items for our pupils and our school.

Our Fair was quickly followed by Year 3's superb Christmas production of 'Baubles!'. My congratulations go to every one of our 102 Year 3 pupils – you were all amazing! – and my sincerest thanks go to the Year 3 staff team for leading and producing such a great performance with their pupils.

As with the end of many terms, there are some staffing changes that will take effect in January.

Mrs Tebby will be going on maternity leave from January. We offer her our very best wishes and look forward to sharing news with you next term! Mrs Tebby's maternity leave means some changes to staff teaching groups, about which I have already written to those classes this will impact. We will be welcoming Mrs Reid and Mrs Helm as additional part-time teachers next term.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tinnion. She has been a welcoming face and cheery smile on reception for all our staff and visitors, as well as being a highly effective administrator. We wish her all the best as she increases her work in the charity sector. Mrs Vila will be our new member of our administrative team; we look forward to welcoming her next term.

Mrs Davies started as a parent volunteer (many years ago!) and became our librarian in May 2000. In that 17+ years, she has seen the library develop from being merely a 'wide corridor' into the fantastic space it is today. It is her vision, dedication and enthusiasm that has made our library a much loved and valued space and imbued a love of reading and literature in so many pupils over so many years. She has organised: visiting authors to talk to children and write with them, book fairs for us all to enjoy browsing and purchasing books, and competitions for pupils to have their own pieces of writing published. We know the library will be in capable hands as we welcome Mrs Rawlings as our new librarian. We thank Mrs Davies for all that she has done that will have a lasting impact and wish her all the very best as she looks forward to spending more time with her family abroad.

We will also be increasing our teaching assistant team from next term and look forward to welcoming both Mrs Williams and Mr Carter.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all our staff for their hard work this term. The autumn term is always a long, tiring one but we all return renewed and refreshed after our Christmas break on Thursday 5 January, 2017.

Christmas is a time for family, and I love working in a school that is truly a family inclusive of all children whatever their ability or individual needs. It's this emphasis on family that makes Thomas Coram the place we are proud to be. Thank you for supporting this vision. To you, and all your families, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Halls  
Headteacher