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Dear parents/carers

As we approach the end of what has been a very successful autumn term, I would like to thank our children for their hard work throughout this term. It has been a privilege to see the pupils of this school adapting to their new classroom environments in September, learning new concepts from an ever challenging curriculum and making progress throughout the term. Each and every child has contributed to the school's continued success and they should feel proud of their achievements.

These achievements include: 90 pupils taking part in cross country events at Ashlyns and our Year 5 and Year 6 cross country team finishing 3rd overall at district level. Our Year 3 and Year 4 football teams have played two matches away against Bridgewater and remain undefeated. Equally impressive were our pupils from across the school who represented Thomas Coram at an Additional Needs sports day in Watford.

Away from the sports field, 85 pupils from across Years 4 – 6 participated in a Primary Maths Challenge organised by the Mathematical Association. A range of awards were achieved: 8 pupils received Gold, 11 pupils received Silver and 26 pupils received Bronze. 5 pupils are going forward to the next round in February. I'd also like to congratulate those Year 5 and Years 6 pupils who performed for their peers and families at their annual end of term music concert and the Year 3 pupils for their fantastic performance of The Christmas Jigsaw. By no means last, a big thank you to this term's School Council members who organised the Harvest collection for DENs, led our Children in Need celebrations and represented their peers' views in their weekly meetings.

None of these events and activities would have been possible without the commitment and dedication of the staff. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of them for their hard work this term

Finally, I would also like to thank you for your continued support. By working together we can ensure that our children enjoy their time at school and make good progress. We have received so many positive comments about the children's behaviour and attitude from a range of visitors to the school and you should all be very proud of them.

Please remember that the Spring term begins on Thursday 4 January and we look forward to seeing all of children return refreshed and eager to learn in the new calendar year.

To you, and all your families, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mrs J Cutler
Head of School