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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first term, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. This term has been a very successful one and it has been a real pleasure to see the children thrive and grow in their new year groups. They have worked incredibly hard and are certainly deserving of a well-earned rest over the Christmas holidays.

There has been so much learning taking place across school, alongside many special visits and visitors. I am immensely proud of all of our children and would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for everything they do to ensure that Britannia continues to provide the very best learning opportunities for every child.

This term has also seen lots of sporting success, including winning the first FUNDA football tournament and coming second in the athletics competition, to name just a few achievements. Children have enjoyed a wide range of sporting opportunities, including bowling, glow dodgeball and even a spin class!

Music has been another highlight this term. Our choir have spread festive cheer throughout the local community by singing at Morrisons and Olive House. They sounded beautiful and have raised £80 towards new musical instruments. Our Rock Steady bands entertained us, and our Year 3 children amazed us all with the fantastic progress they have made on the ukulele. Britannia certainly has some very talented children.

The Nativity performances really got us all into the Christmas spirit and the children did an amazing job. Thank you to all families for bringing the children back in the evening and for providing costumes – I am still singing the songs now!

Yesterday's Christmas singalong was another special moment, with each class leading a song, supported by our very capable Year 6 team. Our Year 2 children also did a fabulous job on their recorders. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community attending, and we hope you all left with a smile on your face – you were certainly in good voice!

There have been many individual achievements to celebrate this term, from dance certificates and football trophies to Blue Peter badges and reading awards – far too many to list. However, a very special mention must go to Cora and Iona, who have raised a phenomenal amount of money for The Princess Trust by donating their hair (17 and 12 inches). So far, they have raised over £1,600, with donations still coming in. This incredible achievement demonstrates such generosity and perfectly reflects our Britannia school values. Congratulations to you both – we are extremely proud of you.



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As the term draws to a close, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Waterfield in Year 5. I would like to thank her for her contributions to Britannia and for her dedication and commitment to the children – she will be greatly missed. We will also be delighted to welcome back Miss Rothwell from maternity leave. From January, Miss Rothwell will be teaching three afternoons in Year 5, with Mrs Nuttall teaching the other two. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Rothwell back to her Britannia family, and I know she will quickly settle into her new role.

As always, it is a privilege to share in the journey of our remarkable children, and I am extremely grateful to be a part of such a wonderful school community.

As Christmas approaches, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday filled with joy, happiness and magical memories. I look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting term in January.



Yours sincerely

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