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Dear Parents

With the weather turning slightly colder, we have been keeping warm by working very hard in Primary at what is a busy time of year. Early Years and Infants have been focusing on the finishing touches to their Christmas productions; this has included parents helping with making costumes. A big thank you to all these parents for their efforts and we look forward to seeing the children on stage next week singing and looking splendid.

On stage this week already have been our 'Rainbow Review' and 'KS2' choirs. Both gave a sneak preview of some of their excellent repertoire in our assembly on Tuesday. They will be singing up a storm over the next two weeks with performances at the Kerry and Ritz Carlton Hotels, the Christmas Bazaar and the Carol Concert. For details of these, please check our website. During our assembly, they sang beautifully, so I am looking forward to more from them. Also during the assembly earlier on in the week, I spoke to the students about how their reports will look this year, based upon our new approach to assessment. Teachers are busy writing the students' first-term reports and we are looking forward to sharing these with you in the last week of term.

In today's special assembly for their parents, the Year 6 children recounted their amazing time from Project Week. What came across during their assembly was just how much they valued the opportunity to work with the students of the Shaolin Kung Fu school and how they felt they were making a difference. The teachers have been very impressed with how the outdoor activities and service have made the year group come together and that there is a real team spirit within Year 6 and in the individual classes. Well done Year 6, you did a great job today.

So as the weather starts to feel more like Christmas, sorry to my friends from Oz, we will welcome Mrs Passante back from her Primary Assessment Conference in Dubai tomorrow. This will coincide with a special treat for our pupils as we hope to have made some changes overnight that will kick off our Christmas celebrations. I will not say anymore, apart from I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday.

Best wishes

Mr Scrymgeour Deputy Head of Primary