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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and successful term it has been here once again at Kirkburton Middle School! As we approach the end of 2024 and look forward to the new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the fantastic achievements and events that have taken place over the past few months.

**Sporting Success**

It has been an incredibly strong term for sport at our school. Our pupils have produced a string of outstanding performances across a very wide range of sports. Highlights include:

- Key Stage 3 Inclusion football champions
- Key Stage 2 Cross Country success at Newsome Academy
- A fantastic and very competitive interhouse football tournament
- A seamless Dance club performance at Shelley High School

**Trips, Visits and Enrichment**

It has been another jam-packed term for trips, visits and enrichment activities. Standout events include:

- Live performances from pop star Joel Foster
- Charity fundraising with another highly successful MacMillan coffee morning, non-uniform day for Children in Need and our Christmas Bake Off in aid of Candlelighters.
- Year 6 Bikeability courses
- 'Smashed' alcohol awareness workshop
- A strings workshop with the prestigious Benedetti Foundation

**Festive Events**

The final few days of term have, as always, been filled with wonderful festive celebrations:

- Annual carol service at All Hallows Church – the official start to Christmas in Kirkburton
- Another wonderful Grandparents Christmas Coffee Morning
- Year 6 Pantomime trip
- Year 7 & 8 cinema trip to Penistone Paramount
- A magnificent Christmas lunch

## Coming Up

As we look ahead to the new year, there is lots for our pupils to be excited about, not least the Year 8 trip to Paris in March. Please see the school calendar for full details of upcoming events.

## Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr O'Brien, our Strategic Lead for English, who will be leaving us to join Scissett Middle School as their new Assistant Headteacher. I'm sure parents would like to join me in congratulating Mr O'Brien on his appointment and thank him for all his service to KMS during his time in post. In January we welcome Mr Clarke who will be joining our English department and Sarah Shaw who will be joining our business support team working in the office.

## Equipment Drive

As you may be aware, we recently sent out a letter regarding an upcoming equipment drive after Christmas. [Please see here on the school website](#) for ideas of useful stocking fillers and please remember that items can be purchased via the stationary shop on ParentPay throughout the year. Who doesn't love a bit of stationary for Christmas!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing what 2025 has to offer. I'm sure it will be another fantastic and very busy year as we continue 'Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.'

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Taylor

Executive Headteacher

