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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the Christmas holidays, it is time once again to look back on a very busy term.

Back in early September, we welcomed **Ofsted** to the school. The whole school community did themselves proud in **showcasing what a fantastic school we have** and how far we have come since our last inspection. The pupils in particular were a shining light and a credit to the school. **Our new grading of 'Good'** is something to be proud of but our journey of development will not stop there. As a school, we will continue working hard to ensure that we provide the best possible all round education to our pupils.



Year 6 had an action packed week on their residential at **Marchant's Hill**. It was the first time we have visited this location and pupils were not disappointed as they were treated to **delicious food** and a wide range of **adventurous activities** which really pushed them out of their comfort zone. All pupils carried themselves impeccably throughout the week, being fantastic representatives of our school and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Following much careful planning and development of our outdoor area, **Year 5 became the first group of pupils to take part in Forest School**. Forest School is an ethos which encourages the development of children's emotional and physical development through outdoor play, activities and exploration in an outdoor environment. The **feedback from pupils and adults involved has already been fantastic** and we look forward to Year 3 having their turn in the spring term.



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This term, we have been delighted to have **Mr Green**, our new PE and Sports Assistant, join our team. He has been running activities at lunch and after school, in addition to supporting PE lessons each afternoon. He has been taking various teams to take part in competitions on a weekly basis and it has been great to hear about all the **effort and teamwork** which pupils have been putting into these events. You can stay up to date with all our latest sports reports on our [school website](http://www.st-catherines.w-sussex.sch.uk).



This term has seen the formation of our **new PTA** and their first job was working closely with the school to put on our **Christmas Fayre**. It was a wonderful event which managed to **raise £1,795 for the school**. A PTA can be responsible for raising thousands of pounds for a school across an academic year but of course, this can only be achieved with **willing volunteers** to make this a reality. They have some exciting events in mind for after Christmas so if you wish to get involved, please join their [facebook page](#) for updates.

It has been wonderful to be finally able to welcome back parents and carers to come and see our **Christmas performances**. Thank you so much for showing your support, it makes a real difference to the pupils having their loved ones there. We have been doing a lot of learning around the real meaning of Christmas and we hope that pupils are able to share this learning at home. On behalf of all of the staff here at St Catherine's, I would like to wish you a **healthy and happy Christmas**.

God bless.
Mr Croghan



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