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Dear Families,

I just wanted to write to you before the Christmas break to thank you for your continued support to myself, our staff and our children. It always makes me so proud to belong to the Eastwood community and I always feel so blessed to be your Head teacher. I think the Ofsted party on Wednesday summarised everything that is special about our school. It was lovely to make some memories for our families and I loved seeing everyone smiling and laughing and enjoying their time in school. I know that when I retire in about 20 years, I will look back on days like Wednesday with such love and fondness.

I also wanted to share that this has been an exceptionally tough term for us at school; however, I have always felt so supported by every single one of you. As a team, we achieved something very rare with the Ofsted judgement of Outstanding and that is due to the hard work and guidance of every single one of you. There will be a piece in the Rotherham Advertiser in a few weeks about our Ofsted judgement, so please keep a look out for it.

I am determined to continue to move Coleridge forward, as we can always get better and to give our children the best education and opportunities possible. I know that all our families from 4 years ago will look at school now and hope that we delivered when you asked for more experiences for your children. You were all right at the time, we needed to get stronger in this area and I always appreciate your honesty with me, even when it might be difficult for me to hear it!

I hope that all our families have a fabulous Christmas. Please spend time with loved ones and make some special memories for our pupils. Also, please continue to be vigilant around children's health linked to the recent outbreak of scarlet fever. If you have any concerns about your child's health, please contact your GP. I hope you all manage to have a brilliant two-week break and we cannot wait to see the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd of January.

Once again, thank you for making 2022 the most magical one for me professionally. I have loved every moment and I cannot wait to see what 2023 has in store for us all at Coleridge.

Have a great break and enjoy the holidays.

Mr Tankard
Head teacher