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Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe that the Autumn Term has come to an end, and what a busy term it has been! Apart from the day-to-day teaching and learning activities that you would expect to take place in school, here are some of the additional activities that have happened since we came back to school in September:

- Year 2 children represented the school at the CPRSSP team games festival
- School Councillors have represented the school at Multi-Schools Council meetings
- Key Stage One classes have taken part in a Beach Schools day
- School Councillors represented the school at the Remembrance Service at Knightswick Centre
- Key Stage One participated in anti-bullying workshops
- Reception took part in Road Safety workshops
- All children made a decoration to decorate our winning Christmas Tree
- Reception and Key Stage One went to the pantomime
- The choir performed at the Mayor's charity Christmas concert
- The whole school took part in the Santa Fun Run. A total of 187 miles were run.
- Reception children performed their Nativity show
- Nursery children enjoyed a Christmas sing-a-long
- Carol, from Canvey Library, introduced the Winter Reading Challenge. For more information see <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge>
- Reverend Marion came into school and led a Christingle service
- Father Christmas came into school and gave every child a present
- Christmas parties were enjoyed in every class
- The whole school participated in a Christmas sing-a-long on the playground

I am sure that, when asked what they have been doing in school, your children have told you "nothing!"

Our PTFA have also had a busy term with their fundraising efforts and have organised the Halloween Discos, Winter Fayres and today's hot chocolate and cookies sale. Not only did this amazing team fund the transport for the children to go to the pantomime, they provided the presents for Father Christmas to hand to the children. On behalf of everyone here, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for everything the PTFA do for the school.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets this week. We've had some lovely prizes donated and the lucky winners will be drawn at 3.15pm today, after the children have sung their Christmas songs.

I would also like to say thank you to Gary and Angie Walford for their generous donation of selection boxes for the children. In the summer, we were nominated to be the recipients of the money they raised at one of their monthly quiz nights, and we were thrilled to receive over £700, which we used to buy some new playground equipment. Gary and Angie contacted me again recently to let me know they had purchased selection boxes for our children. We are so grateful for their generosity.

As well as being on the receiving end of donations, we always like to support local, national and global charities. Despite the challenges many families are facing, your generosity has been overwhelming: Children in Need - £320, the Poppy Appeal - £234, Save the Children Fund on Christmas jumper day - £170, not to mention the enormous quantity of food and goodies that was donated to the food bank at St Nicholas' Church. Thank you.

With the Christmas holidays upon us, if you are looking to get out in the fresh air, funded by the Essex Year of Numbers, families of primary school aged children can enjoy a free festive trail at the [Essex Country Parks](#) this school holiday. Pick up or download an Animal Mysteries trail and gently nurture a love of numbers and nature from a young age and most importantly have lots of fun whilst doing it.

... and finally

It's been a very hectic time and the children, and staff, are ready for a well-deserved break. The school term ends today and we re-open our doors on Thursday 4th January at 8.40am, as usual.

On behalf of the whole school staff, I would like to thank you for all the cards and presents you have sent in – we are all very grateful.

All that's left for me to say is **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** from everyone at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher



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