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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in December. It is definitely a countdown to Christmas. The children were very excited about the decorations around the school, particularly the tree in the hall, beautifully decorated by **HA**. We will maintain our normal routine until the very end of the term.

Advent

This week in our collective worship, we have been thinking about Advent. The children have been learning that Advent is a time of preparation, anticipation and hope, as we look forward to celebrating Christmas. Through stories, reflection and prayer, we have explored the themes of light in the darkness, waiting patiently, and showing kindness to others. The children have been encouraged to think about how they can bring hope, light and joy into their own families and communities during this special season.

Come celebrate with me

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the come celebrate with me event. It was wonderful to see so many of you. It was even more heart-warming to see parents and carers looking out for children whose own families couldn't attend. It truly was a lovely example of compassion and kindness within our school community.

FOSJ and House Captains

This week, FOSJ met with our fantastic House Captains to discuss how FOSJ can support our playground. Our House Captains presented the resources they believe FOSJ could help to buy to improve playtime for all children. I believe FOSJ will consult and announce at the Christmas Fair whether the presentation has been successful.

Thank you to FOSJ for facilitating this. The school would not be the same without all the time, effort, and dedication from FOSJ and the volunteers we have.

Chess

A number of children went to the Emirates Stadium to play chess with pupils from other schools today, alongside two players currently ranked in the world's top ten—Alireza Firouzja and Nodirbek Abdusattorov—as well as the defending champion Gawain Marroa Jones and the reigning British Champion Mickey Adams.





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Key dates for next week

Sunday 7th December - Christmas Fair

Monday 8th December - Y5 Come celebrate with me 9 am

Tuesday 9th December - Y6 Come celebrate with me 9 am

Tuesday 9th December - Choir out - Memory cafe 12 pm.

Wednesday 10th - KS1 Nativity 2 pm

Thursday 11th December - Choir singing in Islington Square and Highbury Stadium Square (3 pm to 6.45 pm)

Thursday 11th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Friday 12th December - KS1 Nativity 2 pm

Have a wonderful weekend, and I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Fair on Sunday.

With thanks,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

