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Dear Parents and Children,

The end of term is fast approaching and the children are working hard on their Christmas productions and looking forward to all of the end of term activities.

This week I want to concentrate on just one thing and it is a great bit of news to finish the term with.

We recently set up an OFSTED style external review of the school to be undertaken by an independent company known as B11. This is something all of the Northern Star MAT schools will be doing in the coming months and we were the first in line!

The review took place yesterday and I am delighted to report to you that it was really successful. The most important points for you are that the assessors reported that teaching and learning was a real strength of the school and they observed nothing less than good teaching at all times. They were also impressed by our early years provision as well as commenting that pupils' behaviour generally, and especially for learning, was 'exemplary'. They believe the school is a welcoming, caring environment with strong values and a place where children are making good progress. They were impressed with the children's good manners and the way they talked about their school. They thought that the leadership and management of the school was helping it to improve quickly. They described the school as having 'many strengths', not least among these being the dedication and commitment of all staff to the children they work with.

The school will receive a full report in the New Year and I will let you have a little more information then but for now all I need to do is say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the staff in the school and to the children for their efforts. This is a wonderful place to learn and we will continue to work hard to make it even better.

For next week, KS2 Christmas concert is on Monday evening at 6.00pm, the Y1/2 Nativity is on Tuesday at 6.00pm and Wednesday at 2pm. and the N/R Nativity is on Tuesday at 2pm and Wednesday evening at 6.00pm.

Harrogate High School band are in school on Thursday morning to entertain the children and this is followed by our annual visit to the theatre to see the pantomime. Children not attending the pantomime will remain at school with staff and finish at the normal time of 3.10pm. Children attending the pantomime need to be collected outside Harrogate Theatre at 4.30pm. Please be patient during this busy handover time. Please note that

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only children who have purchased a pantomime ticket are able to attend. Christmas parties will be held on Friday and children may wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes for the last day.

Please remember that school closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 and that there will be no after school club that day. We re-open again to the children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson