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Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. This is our final letter before the Christmas break and a valuable opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities and developments that have taken place since the half-term holiday.

The term has been filled with opportunities for pupils to represent the school, contribute to the wider community, and celebrate success. Pupils performed proudly at the Thorne Christmas Light Switch On, acts of kindness have been recognised through our Random Acts of Kindness initiative, and our Christmas Fair was extremely well supported by families and the wider community. The School Council has continued to gather pupil voice and introduce new break and lunchtime activities, while attendance pop-up events have reinforced the importance of excellent attendance.

Pupils have embraced a wide range of enrichment opportunities. Excitement has been high around the *Grease* auditions, house events such as the quiz have strengthened teamwork and community spirit, and Year 7 pupils have worked exceptionally hard on their First Give projects, raising impressive sums for charity through creative fundraising activities. Sporting participation has also been a real strength this term, with pupils competing in netball, rugby, football and badminton and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout.

We have also marked a number of important calendar events, including Advent activities, the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service in Thorne, and our Christmas and Harvest Food Bank collections. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, a substantial amount of food has been donated to support those in need. Careers education has remained a priority, with Year 10 pupils finalising work experience placements and pupils in Years 10–13 completing rehearsal examinations to support their preparation for future assessments.

I am delighted to share some excellent news about our facilities that will bring lasting benefits to both our pupils and the wider local community. Our bid to the Football Foundation to replace the existing sand-dressed all-weather pitch, which is now over 20 years old, has been successful. This exciting development will enable us to install a state-of-the-art 3G pitch suitable for both football and rugby, featuring FIFA and World Rugby approved surfaces, upgraded LED floodlighting and a full-length viewing area. This significant investment of over £600,000 will enhance opportunities for high-quality sport, physical activity and community use, strengthening our role as a hub for local clubs and organisations as well as providing outstanding facilities for our pupils. While I am not yet able to confirm timescales, I look forward to sharing further updates early in the New Year.

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My sincere thanks go to everyone who contributed to the bid process and helped make this exciting project possible.

Alongside these many positives, I would like to share an important focus as we look ahead to the Spring term. While resets and removals across the week remain exceptionally low, we are still seeing too many instances of low-level disruption in lessons. This focus has been reinforced through feedback from our recent stakeholder voice questionnaire. A calm, disruption-free learning environment is a right for every child and is essential if pupils are to flourish and make exceptional progress with their learning. Supporting pupils to meet these expectations will be a key priority next term, and we will be increasing communication with parents and carers to ensure we are working together to support positive conduct for learning. As always, this work will be approached in a supportive, consistent, and restorative way, and we value your partnership in helping every pupil succeed.

Looking ahead to the new term, please note that **Monday 5 January** will be a staff training day. All pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 6 January**. Please also remember that **Friday 19 December** will be a half day, with pupils finishing for the Christmas break at **12.15pm**. The morning will be non-uniform. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and requires a lunch grab bag, please contact their Head of Year so arrangements can be made by the close of play tomorrow (Thursday 18 December).

Finally, following parental feedback, we are pleased to confirm the return of evening Parent Communication Evenings alongside the publication of pupil reports. These will offer a mix of in-person and remote appointments, providing flexibility and further opportunities for meaningful dialogue between home and school. The first of these evenings will take place for Year 11 parents and carers on 15 January.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to welcoming pupils back in the New Year.

With warmest regards

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