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Headmaster

***Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting.***

Dear Parents

As the curtain draws on the Autumn Term, I wanted to thank the Lyndhurst Family for their continued support. We launched the Lyndhurst Values in September, and I am proud to say that the pupils, staff, and parents have all been the best they can be in what has been a very busy and successful term.

I would like to thank the school leadership team for all their hard work this term to ensure we are all the best we can be always. Our fantastic staff team have set the children high standards and more often than not they have achieved them. I have been thoroughly enjoying our school nativities this week and last week, and the nativity scene always makes me think of the love and care of a family. Our staff care deeply about your children and enjoy working closely with you to support and nurture them. Family values are at the heart of all we do at Lyndhurst and rewarding success, individually and collectively, is part of this.

There has been much to celebrate this term. Fundraising, English and Maths competitions, class trips, school council meetings, services and time for reflection, assemblies; ballet showcases; sports fixtures; nativity plays; FOL events; Year 6 exam success; swimming for all. I could go on. However, what I am most proud of is the fabulous work going on in the classrooms. From Pre-Reception to Year 6, I see hardworking children, all happy and on task, in a stimulating environment, supported by inspiring staff. No wonder they are all achieving so much at school.

This love of learning begins in the Early Years. Our Head of Early Years, Miss Tatcher, leaves us this week after 25 years of exemplary service to the Lyndhurst Family. Vicky joined the school as an Early Years teacher and has more recently led our Little Lyndhurst Team and been our DSL. She has truly dedicated, most of her working life to Lyndhurst School. There will be many children whose lives have been shaped by her fabulous teaching, nurturing character, and ever listening ear. Vicky has decided to return to the classroom to work with special needs children. On behalf of us all, I thank her, wish her all the very best and hope we will see you back at some Lyndhurst events. You will be missed; your legacy will remain; you are forever part of the Lyndhurst Family.

We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Lawrence. Kris joined us in January 2017 and has been the front face of Lyndhurst for 7 years. Providing support for parents, staff and pupils in equal measure, Kris has fully embraced the Lyndhurst way of life and we thank her for all her compassion and hard work over the years. Kris has always carried out church work and has now decided to 'retire' and train for church ministry. Our loss is the church's gain. We wish her all the very best.

May the beauty and peace of the Christmas season be with you now and always. Have a wonderful Christmas time with those close to you.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Andrew

