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Dear parents and carers,

Soon we will say goodbye to 2024 and start to look forward to what excitement 2025 has in store for us all at St Luke's. I am exceptionally pleased to write to you on behalf of the Local Governing Body with an update. This term has flown by with so many brilliant things happening ranging from Inspections, Royal Visits, celebrations for St Luke's Church and so much more. One thing I am sure about though is that the children will still find a reserve of energy for the excitement this festive season brings!

Firstly, I am very proud to say that in October we had our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Everyone did both themselves and the school proud and this was highlighted by the brilliant feedback we received from the Inspector. Things highlighted in the report included the 'generous welcome to all' highlighting the caring and inclusive atmosphere that our school is founded upon. It also mentions how pupils partake in Collective Worship and enjoy this special time.

I am also happy to report that some pupils, along with Mrs Ireland-Curtis and other staff, got the chance to meet the Duke of Edinburgh during a recent visit to Wandlebury Park as part of the 70th Birthday celebrations. Once again the children were model pupils and showed to the Duke what a wonderful school St Luke's is.

Finally it has been pleasing to see members of the school community taking part in the 150th Anniversary of St Luke's Church during a celebration weekend in October, including a visit from Bishop Dagmar at the Sunday service. The culmination to this year has been when yet again the pupils managed to show how brilliant they are, with 82% meeting the combined standard in English, Reading and Maths. This put us 20% above National Average and is testament to the work both the pupils and staff have put in. Well done to everyone.

Over the last couple of weeks the festive spirit has been active around school with children busy making Christmas cards, taking part in the Christmas Fair (including visiting Father Christmas!), delivering a Nativity Performance and taking part in the Christmas Service at St Luke's Church. There is a real atmosphere of excitement around school as it gets closer to the 25th!

As you will have read above, there have been so many excellent things going on at school and all of the LGB are very proud to be involved. Aside from all of these items we have continued our regular meetings reviewing data, policies and speaking to school leaders about plans for the school in the future. Sadly over the summer holidays we said farewell to Miss Upton as she moved on to take up a role at another school, however we fortunately have welcomed Miss Alexandrou in her place.

To finish I would like to share with you the happy news that the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust that we are part of won the 'Multi-Academy Trust of the Year' at the recent National School Awards.

Wishing everyone the happiest of holidays,

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