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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a joyful and peaceful festive break. As we begin Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about several exciting events and updates.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that we have arranged a pantomime for all of the children. This exciting experience will bring some joy and entertainment to the often gloomy month of January. Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that music (ukulele) lessons will be provided to all our Year 6 pupils. This will give them the opportunity to further explore their musical talents.

Furthermore, we are eagerly preparing for our 2 night, Year 5 residential trip to Bewl Water at the start of Term 4. This educational excursion promises to be a memorable experience for our children as they engage in various activities and develop their independence in preparation for their year 6 trip in the following academic year.

I am pleased to inform you that we have fully implemented our new nurture-based behaviour policy. This policy has been carefully developed to better reflect the practices we uphold at Wouldham All Saints. It has been shared with parents (at parent forum), children, and Governors, and our staff have received training on its implementation during our inset days. To provide an overview of the policy, Mrs. Gates has created a one-page blueprint that will be made available on our website. I encourage you to review these documents to gain a better understanding of our approach.

In consultation with staff and Governors, we have also reviewed our inset days for the next academic year (2024/25). As a result, we have decided to trial a different model where we will have a two-week October half term break. This adjustment aims to reduce exhaustion caused by Kent's planned eight-week term in Term 1 and enable us to plan our inset training more effectively. We will closely monitor the impact of this change and review it for future academic years. Dates for the next academic year will be shared with you shortly and will be added to our website.

As the term progresses, I look forward to updating you on the successes and achievements of our school. Our parent forum is scheduled for 25th January, and I encourage you to reach out to your parent representative if you would like anything discussed or raised.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Mrs V Baldwin**  
**Headteacher**