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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to celebrate what a fantastic half term this has been. It was wonderful to see how many of you attended the Parents' Evenings across all year groups and are doing all you can to support your child's learning.

**Year 5** have settled into Ipsley very quickly and have soon become independent, especially at the start and end of the day. Thank you to everyone who attended the harvest festival; it was lovely to be able to share some of the pupils' work with you.

**Year 6** pupils are working hard and earning lots of rewards. Their attitudes to learning are excellent and they are looking forward to their new topic on Disasters!

In **Year 7**, it feels like the pupils have been in the secondary phase for much longer than half a term. We are already seeing some brilliant collaborative team learning.

Student leaders in **Year 8** have made an excellent start, showing their maturity and leadership skills as ambassadors for the school. Pupils' work in lessons shows real determination to achieve their best outcomes ever. Please remember that the deadline for High School Applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and submit your applications if you haven't already done so.

As a school, attendance has continued to rise and there have been a number of attendance rewards for pupils. Whilst this is good news, please remember that a day off school is a day of learning lost and this can have a longer term impact on your child's education.

May I remind you that the Christmas holidays dates are:

- Last day of term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017
- Start of term – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Next half term will undoubtedly be a busy one but we are sure the children will continue to embrace the challenges with a smile!

Wishing you a restful half term break.



Ms N Beech FRSA  
Principal