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Dear Parents,

As many of you are already aware, I am taking an extended period of unpaid leave from school over the Christmas period and into the New Year. This is to make a once in a lifetime trip to visit family in New Zealand.

Mr. Chapman is covering Class 1 next Wednesday and Thursday the 16^{th} and 17^{th} December and then in the New Year, Mrs. Hulbert (Baker Be) will be the teacher in Class 1 until my return on the 15^{th} January.

Our topic in the New Year will be Castles and Legends; Mrs. Hulbert and I have planned some super writing activities following on from the visit to see 'The Legend of King Arthur' next week at the Queens Hall. In Numeracy, the children will be counting and problem solving in the context of money, including setting up a 'shop' role-play area in the classroom. There will be no homework or spellings set in the first two weeks back after Christmas but reading books will be changed as usual.

If you have any queries or concerns, however small, please do come and see me early next week or telephone the school office - I will be more than happy to discuss further details with you.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Yours sincerely,