



Dear Parents,

What a marvellous Christmas week we have had. It's such a special time for children and I'm sure you are glad that they have had the opportunity to experience so many lovely things.

Well done to all those children, who contributed so much to the Carol Service; it was beautiful and thank you to those of you who commented. It makes a difference. The collection raised a fantastic £132.77 for St Peter's Church funds - thank you.

### Open Session

In the New Year, we will give you an opportunity to pop in and see some of the work your children have been doing this term; time has run away with us and we couldn't squeeze it in before Christmas. Hopefully, by attending the Special Assembly on Friday you will have gleaned a little insight into what they've been up to.

### Clubs first week back

The following clubs will take place during the first week back after the holiday:

Tues: Sports Club

Weds & Thurs Early Morning Club

Fri: Sports Club



### Gymnastics

All children will be having gym lessons with Mr Wing after the holiday. **SHORTS** and **PE tops** are essential for health and safety reasons and all will go barefoot.

Advanced notice gives you time to ensure they have the correct kit and get their feet washed ☺ ☺ ☺

### Class 2

After the holiday, Class 2 will all be learning to play the recorder. We do have a set of school recorders but if your child has their own, please get them to bring it in on TUESDAY'S as it will help us with the sterilisation process! They also make a great last minute gift for under the tree.

### 2015 Topics

After the holiday the whole school will be doing some exciting project work about technology. If you have time to take your child to the library to get some books out please do so and do encourage them to:

**Read** (anything and everything!)

**Write** (anything and everything!)

**and practise their maths** (especially times tables)

Having a rest to recuperate is essential over the holiday but if the children go 2 whole weeks without doing any reading, writing, etc. they will be much further behind when we return and it will take a while for them to get back up to speed, so please build in some quiet time with your child/ren over the holiday.

### Message from School Council

We would like to say thank you for all your donations and help towards the charities we have supported over the course of the autumn term.

### Congratulations

A special well done to our own Tom Middleton who has been selected to play with the County Under 13 hockey squad. We're all really proud of you Tom!

### Swimming

Swimming will start 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Letters will be sent out next term.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils who have 100% attendance this term:

Class 1: Evalyn, Max, Toby, Jack, Jessica, Isla, Matilda, Bella, Tom, Theo & Evie

Class 2: Ned, Olivia, Freya, Oliver, Esme, Anya & Jonas

Class 3: Cameron, Tom F, Oliver P, Oliver J, Joseph J & Robyn

Well done to all of you!

### Please save your Christmas boxes!

Our topic for the Spring term is 'Go Gadget Go!' We are going to start off our topic on the first day of term by looking at old and new gadgets then we will be using junk modelling to make new, exciting gadgets. If you have any 'old' gadgets that you are happy to display in school or for your child to show then please send them in e.g. cameras, mobile phones or radios. Please save any Christmas boxes and junk modelling material and send them into school on the first day of term. Thank you.

Thank you for your support this term and for the cards and gifts received by all teachers.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday and all good wishes for the New Year.

Don't forget, school reopens to pupils on the morning of Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V. Hopkins  
Head Teacher

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**A Christmas Prayer**  
**By Olly, Liam, Harry & Rachel**

Dear God, thank you for  
Christmas  
For all the great toys and presents  
I love this time  
And never want it to end!

God, thank you for Christmas  
For all my friends and family  
I love them so much  
And I know that you will keep  
them in your heart too

God, thank you for Christmas  
For sending Jesus to be with me  
I love Him so much  
And give my heart to him

Amen



**A Christmas Blessing**

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires  
with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ  
brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be  
thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with  
grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson