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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Thursday 20th December 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

**Christmas Thank you** A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the last week in school before Christmas a festive and happy one for the children. This week we have all enjoyed our parties and a delicious Christmas lunch today. A special thank you to Paula our cook for the wonderful food. Thank you for your support with our party food and Father Christmas visit this week. We had lots of fun and the children received lovely gifts from Santa.



Pictured above is Rev Mary who came from the Parish to have Christmas lunch with us. Our teachers and governors joined us too!



**Singing Carols for Abbey Care Home**

Thank you to a small group of our KS2 pupils who sang brilliantly for the residents of Abbey Care Home in the village this week. We could only take a small group due to space—thank you to the many more children who so kindly volunteered to help also.

### Raffle tickets for Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who donated hamper prizes and to Friends of the School who have worked hard to organise this. Many thanks for supporting school by buying raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will also be sold before the Carol Service in Church tomorrow. The raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service and prizes can be collected from school. Raffle ticket sales are helping us fund raise to update our IT equipment.

Cloakroom tidy for the holidays We will send home all our cloakroom items for cleaning and sorting over the holidays. The indoor shoes which the children need to wear to keep our carpeted classrooms clean will also be sent home. This makes it possible for the cloakroom areas to be thoroughly cleaned. If your child's indoor shoes still fit, you will simply need to return them in January.

Please bring your PE kit on the first day back to school and keep it in school for the week. Classes 3 and 4 will have outdoor PE in January so please bring warm tracksuit trousers and a PE sweatshirt in your PE kit.

A message from the Eco Team We are helping the Parish to collect tin foil to support the charity, 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Please bring in your tinfoil after Christmas. Mince pie cases are a good source of tinfoil. Please wash your tinfoil first.



Last Day Carol Service 'Journey to Bethlehem' led by Classes 3 and 4 in St Mary's Church Friday 21st December 2pm You are all welcome to join us at 2pm tomorrow in St Mary's Church for our last day Carol Service. This service will be led by Classes 3 and 4 and attended by the whole school. It will be a lovely way to celebrate Christmas together. Tickets are not required as there is more seating available in church. Following the Carol Service the children will return to school with their teachers. They can then be collected as normal. We expect school to finish at approx. 3pm.

### Parish News St Mary's Church Crib Service 1pm on Christmas Eve

Everyone is welcome at this child friendly Christmas service. Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character if they wish. Our posada bags will finish their journey at this special service.

**On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you and the children for their cards and gifts and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year.**

**We return to school after the holidays on Tuesday 8th January.**

Newsletter This newsletter is sent out every Friday and uploaded to the website. If you would like to receive it by email please send an email to the admin address above.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Dobson