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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of a long and busy term and children and staff are all ready for a well deserved break. We wish you all a peaceful and germ-free holiday!

Christmas Productions:

The KS1 children enjoyed performing their Christmas plays to their families and the KS2 children sang beautifully at the Carol Concert at Christchurch. A big thank you to Mrs Footer for all her hard work and to all the staff and volunteer parents who made it look so easy!

We raised an amazing total of £600 in donations from the combined performances, which will go to UNICEF to support children around the world.

Staff:

We would be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Helen Davis who has been such an integral part of our school for so long. We will miss her enormously but wish her well in her new role as Headteacher of the brand new, St John's Church of England School.

Clubs:

We would just like to confirm that after school clubs will start again in the

2nd week of term in January, ie the week commencing 11th January.

We plan to run 3 after school clubs as follows.

Monday - Netball for Y5/6

Tuesday - Football for Y5/6

Friday - Tag Rugby Y5/6

We will also be setting up an additional after school Football Club for younger children in the New Year, details will follow in January.

Shared Reading - Reception classes:

As a result of parent consultation represented at the Parent Forum Meeting, shared reading days for next term will be Tuesday and Friday.

Christmas Tree Festival:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lego tree decoration appeal! We had some brilliant designs and are delighted to announce that our tree was placed 2nd in the visitors' vote!

Parking:

We have had an increasing number of parents parking in the staff car park at pick up and drop off times. Unfortunately, due to a 'near miss' with a young child who ran out in front of a car, we can no longer allow parents to continue using the car park at these times. After school clubs and child

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minders collecting children from our school may continue to park as may others who have specific needs and have confirmed this with the school.

Plea from Reception:

We are on the hunt for any unwanted children's toy buggies, old purses/ handbags, shawls, hats, aprons, dolls clothes, small diggers, rollers, trucks and cranes! Please bring any of these items into school in the New Year

Environmental Health Rating:

We are delighted to report that our fantastic kitchen team scored a 5 Star rating in a recent Environmental Health visit. This is a reflection of the very high standards and hard work the team put in.

Decorated Cups Winners:

Well done to the following winners:

Reception - Henry Turnham and Ruby Smith.

Y1 - Archie Haynes and Florence Banks.

Y2 - Kate Risby and Jude Hay.

Y3 - Aimee Bartley and Harry Tribe.

Y4 - Agnes Barr.

Y5 - Claudia Condon and George McLeod.

Y6 - Cody Hay.

Reminder:

Please can you ensure your children are sent in wearing warm, waterproof jackets. We do encourage the children to play out in windy and damp conditions and they need to be kept both warm and dry. Please do not send your children in wearing gilets or

sweatshirt tops as these are inadequate for the job.

School begins at normal time on Tuesday January 5th 2016 - see you then!

Yours sincerely

Tracy Thomas

Headteacher



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