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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once more we approach the joyous time of Christmas, which as usual has crept up on us with unbelievable speed. It only seems 5 minutes ago that I had the honour of presenting bibles to our new Reception class children at their welcome service and now they are established members of the school. If you were lucky enough to watch the infant nativity you will have seen confident children who joined in with the singing, the signing and costumes were amazing. Those of you that have read any of my Christmas letters before you will know that the infant nativity is one of my favourite events and this year was no exception. I don't think Baby Jesus will have had much sleep with all the noise from the animals in the barn especially that noisy cockerel!!!

Another highlight of my term was accompanying Year 6 pupils to Canterbury for a Cathedrals Schools day. After a morning of activities everyone returned to the nave of the cathedral for a service which was led by 2 of our amazing year 6 students. Words cannot adequately describe their professional performance or how proud we are of them. Likewise, the behaviour of all our pupils was exemplary and was commented on by a fellow train passenger on the journey home. Well done to everyone in Year 6 you were truly first-rate ambassadors for the school.

I am delighted to welcome two new governors to our team. Danielle Hind and Chris Pleasant are now members of our governing board. We have all continued to work in our monitoring roles covering diverse areas such as finance, wellbeing, safeguarding, Early years, RE, SEND, reading and phonics. We continue to be grateful for the time and information provided to us by the Headteacher, the senior leadership team and all the staff. I would like to take a moment to thank Mr Kelly and our exceptional staff for their dedication and hard work. Your commitment ensures that our school remains a place of high achievement, where every child is afforded the best opportunities to reach their potential. Whether in the classroom, during extra-curricular activities, your efforts are truly appreciated.

As a Church of England school, we are blessed to see our Christian vision (Jesus as the Vine - John 15) lived out every day in the actions and attitudes of our pupils and staff. The hard work and creativity of our parents, staff and pupils have transformed the school into a place of joy and wonder, perfectly capturing the meaning of this special season. We were involved in the recent SIAMS inspection and we look forward in anticipation to reading the final report next term. The inspector commented on the openness that she experienced during her visit to the school from everyone she spoke to including parents, staff, pupils and church representatives. So, a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Finally, I want to thank you, our parents and carers, especially our enthusiastic, hardworking members of FOBS for your unwavering support which raises much needed funds to support the work in the school. Together, we create a strong and nurturing community where children can flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. May your homes be filled with joy, and may the New Year bring many blessings to you and your loved ones.

With Best Wishes from

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Susannah Butcher
Chair of Governors