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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have just one week to go until we finish for the Christmas break and we can certainly feel the festivities in the air after the events of this week!

Nursery Craft Day

Many thanks to all who joined us in working with the children on their craft activities earlier in the week. There were some marvellous creations (not to mention some highly talented parents / carers! Duly noted!!). I very much hope that you enjoyed the sessions and I have to say a massive thanks to our fabulous team of staff in Nursery for organising this.

Reception Nativity

In my personal and rather humble opinion, we cannot really sense Christmas being just around the corner until we have seen the Nativity performed by our terrific Reception children. They have performed it three times this week with the pinnacle being the showing to parents and carers yesterday. It was absolutely fantastic and a real testament to how quickly and confidently our children are able to learn and present in front of a large audience. I have to tell you that this really cannot be underestimated and, as always, I am immensely proud of each member of the two classes. Well done to all and thanks to all of the staff who have supported the children with this.

Church Services and Festivals

Firstly, we had a lovely service for our Key Stage Two children at St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday afternoon and it was great to see so many of our parents, carers and families also in attendance. It is another one of those events which really heralds the start of the festive period. Once again, we were reminded of what a confident and talented group of children we work with, demonstrated by their reading, duetting and in one case, singing a truly magnificent solo. We would like to extend our thanks to everybody at St Nichols' Church for welcoming us as always.

On Wednesday, our choir attended the Guisborough Schools' Choir Festival. Although I was unable to attend, I have received an email from Mr Nixon from the church who has included such superlatives as 'amazing', 'spectacular', 'fabulous' and finally, 'superstars'! On a personal note, I have to mention the tireless work of Mrs Fawkes and Miss Moscrop who have spent many lunchtimes working with the children on learning the songs as well as ensuring the smooth running of these events. Many thanks to you both!

Christmas Lunch

As always, Mrs Watson and her magnificent team in the kitchen did an outstanding job in preparing and serving Christmas lunches to the children earlier this week. The feedback I have received from our particularly discerning clients was that it was truly tremendous! I would like to point out that our kitchen team do a sterling job every day but the Christmas lunch is always a bit more of a challenge which they rise to every year! Thanks, team!

Reindeer Run

Just a reminder about next Friday's 'Reindeer Run' in aid of Teesside Hospice. It will be a non-uniform day too. Let's just hope for half decent weather..

Reception Class

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lister who has been working with the class since September. In January, Mrs Hugill will be returning from maternity leave and she will be working Thursday and Fridays as well as alternate Wednesdays. The other days will be covered by Miss Bentley who will be joining us also in January. We wish Miss Lister all the best and thank her enormously for the terrific job she has done.

Christmas 'Singalongs'

Remember that next week we have the 'singalongs' as outlined below. FoB will be on hand to serve refreshments and it would be marvellous to see as many of you as possible.

Diary Dates

I have added in a couple of January dates for which more information will be forthcoming.

18 th December	School Christmas 'singalong' EY and KS1 (5pm)	8 th January	Return to school
19 th December	School Christmas 'singalong' KS2 (5pm)	15 th January	Year Six 'SATs' meeting for partners / carers (4pm, KS2 hall). Info to come.
22 nd December	Non uniform day; Reindeer Run (in aid of Teesside Hospice); Reports given out; End of term	23 rd January	Year Five parents / carers Robinwood Meeting (4pm KS2 hall). Info to come.

And Finally...

One week to go.... We can do this! Wishing you all a lovely weekend as always and remember, we finish at 3.10 next Friday 22nd.

Yours Sincerely
C. Gibson
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