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Dear Parents and friends of the School,

It is difficult to believe that the school term ended at 2pm today and that in less than fifty-eight hours' time, it will be Christmas Day! I must confess that the Moore-household will be a plethora of chaos and panic as we prepare for the 'big day'!

A fifteen-week term is a long time for everyone at school, but for our Reception children, it must seem like an age since they started school back in September. All of our new children have settled in beautifully and they very much feel a part of the 'Sherborne Family'. Children in other year groups have gone out of their way to make anyone new to the school feel welcome, and that cohesion and sense of community was clear for everyone to see during our Christmas Service. Creating such a warm, welcoming culture does not happen by chance and I should like to thank the incredible staff at the school for their hard work, commitment and professionalism over the term. Thank you too for all your help, support and kindness over the term. The school really is so very lucky to have such wonderful parents! In particular, I should like to thank the tireless efforts of the FOSS team for their fantastic fundraising ideas, events for the children and support in school.

The curriculum has been bursting at the seams since September, with class trips, sporting fixtures, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, music tuition, a charity sale, the Literature Festival and Maths and Oracy competitions. Staff too have been busy, undertaking training in areas such as supporting children with special educational needs, mental health and maths. Three teachers are currently enrolled on nationally recognised courses, the credits of which can be used to contribute to a Master's Degree. During the Autumn Term, the school has enjoyed something of a makeover, with new line markings in all the playgrounds and a new door linking the library to the outdoors.

National data from last summer's Key Stage 2 SAT results has now been verified and published. Although we believe that a school ought to be judged on more than just test outcomes, it would be remiss of us not to share the achievements of last year's Year 6s with you: of the 312 primary schools in Gloucestershire, Sherborne placed 5th overall. Nationally, Sherborne placed 260th out of 22,102 schools. We are absolutely delighted with the outcomes of these children but also wish to celebrate their wonderful, kind and caring personalities!



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January is named after the two-headed Roman god, Janus - one head for looking back and reflecting on the previous year, one head looking ahead at what is yet to come. The Spring Term, although a third shorter than its predecessor, promises to be just as busy and eventful, the highlights of which include:

- Choir performance at Young Voices, Birmingham
- 10x violin lessons for all children in Fox Class
- Erasmus partners to visit Sherborne
- Owl Class K'Nex Challenge
- The Big Breakfast
- Erasmus trip to Portugal
- Easter Service
- Hedgehog Class Farm Visit
- Fox Class trip to Gloucester Museum
- Owl Class trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

After-School Clubs

After school clubs for the Spring Term will 'officially' start from the week beginning Monday, 15th January and are as follows:

Monday - Street Hockey/Floorball Club, led by The Sports Project

Tuesday - Homework Club, led by Miss Denmead and Mrs Williams

Wednesday - Construction Club, led by Miss Fletcher

Thursday - Football Club, led by Mr Moore

Friday - Dance Club, led by Mrs Ellis

Finally, I am sure you will join me in wishing Henry Marsden every success and happiness as he starts his new school. Henry joined the school in Reception 2020 and enjoyed working with Mrs O'Kane in Hedgehog Class. As Henry moved into Year 2, it became clear that Henry would benefit from a different type of education and after a very long wait, he has finally been given a place at a school which is better able to meet his needs. When in school, Henry loved to climb the trees, splash in the water table and play 'tag' with his friends. He also loved to sing 'Hi-Ho' from Snow White! Good luck Henry - and mum Becky - from all your friends at Sherborne CofE Primary School.

As the great Noddy Holder once declared: "It's Christmas!" On behalf of all the children and staff at Sherborne CofE Primary School, I would like to wish you a Christmas and New Year full of joy, happiness and laughter. Thank you all once again for your continued support this term. We look forward with hope and anticipation to what next year brings!

Merry Christmas,


John Moore
Headteacher



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