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Term 1, Week 14

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,

Hope,

Friendship,

Wisdom and

Trust

Our Christian focus for this half term is

## HOPE

## Bible Thought:

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1

## Final Week Comments and Notices

Mr Gillan

As we move into the final week of a busy term, this quick newsletter should serve as a week-ahead for our main events. I also want to touch on last week and the events that led to us asking you all to pick up early on those 2 days.

**Monday** was quite clear-cut in the decision-making, as I think we could all see the huge effect the rain was having in our surrounding area immediate to school.

**Wednesday** was more touch-and-go in what we did. I was aware of other schools that had made the decision on the Tuesday to close for the Wednesday in light of the forecast and local conditions. I didn't feel that was necessary for us and, indeed, we got a full morning of education in as well as a very successful Christmas Lunch service completed. During the morning, though, the rain was persistent and, although not as severe as Monday, our local lanes and roads were only a downpour away from dangerous levels, so I feel the decision to invoke an early pickup was the correct decision. Staff who live considerable distances from school were able to get home safely and so were our children. I fully appreciate the impact on your working and personal lives when I make such decisions, so can only thank you all for reacting with patience and understanding in tough circumstances for us all.

**FEEDBACK from the pupils about Christmas Lunch** was, generally, along the lines of: "Best-ever! Great pigs in blankets and amazing roasties!"

**Seven Sowers News:** There are still dates (at the foot of this newsletter) to get involved with local church services leading up to the Christmas. A huge thanks to our 12-strong choir and their families – led by Mrs Powell – who attended West Hatch Service on Sunday and represented us so brilliantly!



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** After much communication and exciting planning between me and the COMMANDO HELICOPTER FORCE, I can confirm we have a special visitor FLYING into school at 1:10pm. I am hoping that these timings are precise as we have our nativity following on that afternoon and things are very tight! However, how could I possibly turn it down?!

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 2:15pm and 5:30pm: Foundation and Key Stage 1 Nativity!** "A King is Born". Further details have been shared on Dojo by the teachers. As always, for safeguarding reasons, please keep any photos and video footage off social media.

- **14<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church.** There will be 2 services on this morning for Y3 and 4 families and then Y5 and 6 families. All Key Stage 2 children will be joining in both services, meaning you will not miss one of your children when you only attend one service!

**9.30am prompt start: Service for Years 3 and 4 families.**

**11am prompt start: Service for Years 5 and 6 families.**

The children need to be dropped to school at normal time (please be prompt!) and we will be walking **to and from** the church. Please make sure children have a coat, water bottle and a fruit snack, which they can take with them, as there is a small break between the 2 services.

- **15<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term) Extra-Special Dress Down Friday CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!** Please wear your fabulous Christmas jumpers and a usual contribution will go to school.

# Seven Sowers Festive Services



- ★ 3rd December  
Advent Carols, Thurlbear Church at 4pm
- 10th December  
Crib & Carols, Orchard Portman Church at 11.30am  
Christingle, West Hatch Church at 4pm ★
- ★ 17th December  
Carols, Beercrocombe Church at 4pm  
★ Carols, Hatch Beauchamp Church at 6pm  
Carols, Stoke St Mary Church at 6pm ★
- 20th December  
★ Carols, Staple Fitzpaine Church at 7pm
- 21st December  
★ Winter Solstice, Higher Broughton Stoke St Mary at 5.30pm
- 22nd December ★  
★ Carols on the Farm, Park Farm Curry Mallet at 6pm
- ★ Christmas Eve  
Crib Service, Stoke St Mary Church at 4pm  
★ Midnight Service, Staple Fitzpaine Church at 11.30pm
- ★ Christmas Day  
★ Christmas Service, Curry Mallet Church at 10am  
★ Christmas Service, West Hatch Church at 10am



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