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Dear Parents,

As this busy term comes to an end, I once again write my end of term letter to you. The weeks have truly sped by, with lots of superb events happening.

We began the term with Gymrun in school assessing the pupils' fitness levels. As part of the Gymrun programme, the children will be working on improving these levels over the coming months. The Year 6s have been busy with their Bikeability course. They all worked very hard and passed the course. The instructor was very complimentary on their behaviour and attitude and they can now safely ride their bikes around the village. Please may we ask that they walk their bikes along the school path from the green to the bike shed as the path is very narrow and bikes and pedestrians do not mix well.

The children have also been busy raising money for many charities including, The Poppy appeal, Children in Need and the Children's Society. This truly embeds the school values of compassion and friendship. In addition, the school and the PCC from St Michael and All Angels are trying to support families during this cost of living crisis. We have created boxes of pre-loved school uniform, which have been placed at the back of the church. We hope this will evolve into swap boxes for parents to take uniform from and also replace with uniform their own child might have grown out of.

A highlight of the term has been a "Festival of Colour" where we celebrated Indian Culture and welcomed Kalpesh Zalavadiya Artistic Director from K'z Dance Entertainment to school. He taught all classes some Bollywood dances and the end of the day culminated in a dance show for all parents. We had a great day and it was such a lovely change to come away from normal timetabled activities.

On the sporting front, Owls have again been receiving hockey lessons from Dauntseys Outreach. We entered two teams in the end of term competition. They did us proud and played valiantly as a team. This resulted us winning the tournament, which was a wonderful achievement. The netball team have played a number of matches in the H5 league and have gone from strength to strength as the term has progressed and won their last two matches. Whenever we play any sport, our children always try their best and we are very proud of all who represent the school.



On the musical front, EYFS and Key Stage 1 performed their Nativity 'Shine Star Shine'. They were all great, the singing was superb and those with speaking parts were loud and clear (after lots of practise). My thanks go to all the staff; Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Underwood, Mrs Pottinger, and Mrs List-Rose, for their patience and endurance over the last few weeks practising with the children.

Other Christmas events included the Christmas Lunch, Christingle Service, USSPA Disco, Carol Evening and a visit to Salisbury Playhouse to watch the Cinderella Pantomime. We hope the children have enjoyed the activities in addition to their class Christmas activities.

We have been aware over the last term, of an increased use of traffic using the school driveway at the start and end of the day and for general pickups. Please may I remind parents that only those using the Before and After-school club may do so and this must be before 08:20 unless your child is ill and you have been called to school. After this time, the parking at the end of the driveway must be used. We do ask parents using the Before and After school club to use the lower bay, park considerately and travel slowly along the driveway. We ask this because there have been a number of incidents that could have resulted in collisions this term. We do not allow any traffic movement at the start and end of the day when children and parents are walking along the driveway.

And finally, the staff and I would like to wish you and your families a happy, restful and peaceful Christmas and see you all again on Tuesday 3rd January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carol Talbot
(Head Teacher)

