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"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

10 December 2021

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week! Thank you to the many parents who have expressed their thanks for the wonderful Key Stage One and Reception Nativity and the Key Stage Two Christmas Worship. It was fantastic to be able to put on the performances for you. The children benefitted hugely from being able to perform to an audience. It gives us all enormous pleasure to experience a little taste of normality in the ever-changing world we are living in.

As soon as the film is ready I will be sending out a link for the school nativity to everyone. This year we did not hold a collection at any of the services but we would like to request that, if you feel able, you donate using the instructions sent out with the link. This money raised will be split between school to pay for events such as the visit of the donkeys and *The Homeless Project*. Thank you.

Wednesday this week also saw the arrival of three special visitors for the day. The children met two very friendly donkeys and a Shetland pony. Everyone was able to stroke and brush the animals, as well as learning about how to look after and respect them.

Many thanks to the TSSSA who have been working hard all week on preparations for the Christmas Market. The market is being held this evening in the school car park from 3.15pm. All of our community are very welcome. We are hoping that the market will raise valuable funds for the school. Please collect your children as normal and return to school through the front gates.

One of the projects the school is currently working on is the re modelling of the Reception outside area. I am very pleased to say that we have now confirmed the order for the works which will start in February. The governors have agreed for the bamboo to the right of the front entrance to be removed. This area will be turned into additional car parking, with a dedicated disabled slot. The fence separating the Reception outdoor area and the car park will be brought forward to give the Reception class a slighter bigger area. The Reception area running alongside Vansittart Road which was decked and covered in artificial grass will be taken out and replaced with a similar area. This will include a story chair and a clatter bridge. The surface of the remainder of the area we are updating will be covered with new colourful surfacing which will remove the many different surfaces which are currently there. The outdoor classroom is being removed and a pergola shelter put alongside the wall which runs along Vansittart Road. We are currently investigating local companies who can provide wooden cabins to set up learning areas. If any of our parents either have connections with or direct experience of a local company they could recommend then please drop an email to Mrs Jones at finance@tssfirst.co.uk.



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Collection for the Homeless

Last year we supported the homeless within our community by collecting donations to make gift boxes for those finding themselves in challenging circumstances this Christmas. This was organised by the Sewell family. We would like to contribute again. If you would like to help you can bring a donation on Wednesday 15 December to add to the gift boxes. In return your child is welcome to wear Christmas accessories. If you would like to swap your school jumper for a Christmas jumper on that day, that would also be acceptable.

We will be collecting:

Toiletries - shampoo / conditioner / shower gel / hair brush / comb / shaving foam / razors / moisturizing lotion /deodorant / small packs of tissues / face masks / hand sanitizer / tooth brush / toothpaste

Food - sealed packet of sweets/chocolates/biscuits (all very popular!) - ideally packets that would fit inside a large shoe box.

We will also be collecting hats, scarves and gloves. Please either bring good condition second hand items or new ones.

Congratulations to the Blue House! Blue House have achieved the highest number of house points over the term. It was a very close run competition with Yellow House a very close second. Children who are in Blue House will be able to wear their own clothes on Tuesday 14 December. Please make sure that children come in clothing and shoes which are suitable for the time of year. Thank you.

In the final week all the children are taking part in an Arts Project based on *The Snowman*. The project includes finding out more about an orchestra and is focussed on visual and the performing arts. They will be watching the film as part of this learning. We will be sharing some of their learning using the blogs on the website.

Kind regards,

17 December 2021	End of Term	3.15pm
04 January 2022	In Service Training Day	
05 January 2022	Pupil Term Starts	



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