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Dear All

Here's wishing you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas. Thank you for your on-going support of the school in oh so many ways! The staff and I do appreciate it. I would also like to thank the staff for their incredible work this term. They have continued to show patience, care and kindness despite battling illness and all the challenges that reduced staffing bring!

On a very happy note, I would like to welcome Miss Charlotte Wilson to the staff. You will see lots more of her in 2018!

Today in the last **Smiley Face Assembly of 2017**, Jim Platt from the Friends of St Lawrence presented prizes for the annual 'Christmas Art Competition'. (The art work, based on the theme of Christmas Carols is displayed in the Church over the Christmas period, if you would like to take a look). Congratulations to our winners Kenny Skinner, Amelia Beesley, Chloe Hunt, Harry Cox and Sophie Ollivierre. They all received a voucher kindly donated by the Friends of St Lawrence. Thanks must also go to the judges Veronica Uren and Jo Harrison., two ladies from St Lawrence Church.

On Wednesday we welcomed Reverend Sarah Wood-Roe to school to lead our worship in assembly. She talked to the children about advent with the help of mince-pies, sparkling lights and an advent calendar! Sarah will be with us for her first school Church Service on Wednesday 20th December at 13:30.

Termly Topic Exhibition

Congratulations one and all on the fabulous **Termly Topics** based on architecture and buildings. An exhibition of work will take place on **MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER** after school and before school on **TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER**. Please do come along and see the wonderful things that have been created and learned about! The exhibition will take place in the hall.

Strictly Come Stratford / The STRAT FACTOR / Stratford's got Talent! : TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER Each class will hold preliminary rounds in the morning and decide on who they would like to send to the finals in the afternoon. We are encouraging the children to dance, sing or maybe tell a joke, in the name of entertainment! Sorry we won't have room for any visitors but I'm sure you will hear all about it. **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS / NON-UNIFORM MAY BE WORN ON THAT DAY! TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER (For FUN!!)**

CAROL SERVICE IN ST LAWRENCE CHURCH at 1.30pm WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Due to lack of space in the Church we are inviting KS2 parents only to come and join us. We would really like all the children to finish term together in the Church and as the EYFS/KS1 parents have the Nativities we thought it was the fairest way of solving the problem.

Reminders in no particular order....

- ❖ After the Christmas break we return to school on **THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2018**
- ❖ Please ensure your child has a bag every day next week. There will be loads of stuff to carry home!
- ❖ After school clubs change in some cases after the Christmas break – **please see the reverse of the letter for details.**
- ❖ There is a Smiley Face Assembly on **FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2018**
- ❖ There are no after school clubs the first week back. They commence on **MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018**

Do have a very Happy Christmas! Kay Bridson