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Dear All

As we finish a very busy term, I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement, it really helps to keep us going!

Congratulations to our YR children who have just completed their first term of school – well done!

**Here are some pictures of Christmas Dinner Day for your enjoyment. Everyone had a very festive time!**



# Annual Christmas Art Competition 2021

At this time of year, our art usually helps to decorate St Lawrence Church for Christmas. The *Friends of St Lawrence* would normally hold a concert to raise funds towards the upkeep of this historic building and place of worship. The art helps to make the Church look festive for concert-goers and worshippers alike. Sadly not this year! Very kindly, *The Friends of St Lawrence* agreed to sponsor our competition even though 'things' have been little curtailed!

The theme this year is '*People and Places of the Nativity*'. As you can see below, this theme was interpreted in various different ways. Expert judge Veronica Uren, who lives in the village chose a winner from each class. Mrs. Uren has judged the competition for many years now and is a 'totally impartial set of eyes' provided by *The Friends of St Lawrence*.

The winners from each class were presented yesterday with book tokens today, kindly provided by *The Friends of St Lawrence*.

**Here are the winning pieces of artwork as displayed in our church.**



**Well done...**

**Hughie Green, Grayson Pickett, Eva Hardy, Yana Shuttlewood and Evie Adlam-Williams our winners this year.**

## **2022 New Year plea...**

The rucksack situation has got out of hand in school. We do not have enough cloakroom space to cater for the enormous size of many of the rucksacks coming into school.

In January 2022 please ensure...

- PE kits are in a named draw string bag
- Pencil cases are able to fit into each child's individual drawer (depth 5cm)
- Ruck-sacks and other bags are no bigger than 30cm x 30cm
- Books are in a book bag and not in a bag with a water bottle.

I hope that this will work so that alternative measures will not have to be taken. Please help us, as it is very crowded!

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January are Teacher Training Days. Children return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

As the school closes for the Christmas break, I would like to say, 'thank you' for all the lovely cards, messages and gifts. The teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Mrs Watkins and I appreciate all the kindness and support coming our way! We really do not expect gifts and we are overwhelmed by your collective generosity. Thank you!

I do hope you all manage to get a little peace, love and joy during the festive season!



#### A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart

As Christmas time draws near.

May hope fill each room you decorate

And bring joy to those you hold dear.

May peace be before you at every meal

And faith ring through every song.

For Christ is alive, the light of the world

May he bless you all season long.

Kindest regards,

Kay Bridson

