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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff and myself, a huge thank you for all your kind words and presents at the end of term. It means a lot to us that you appreciate the hard work we put into enriching your children's lives and enabling them to flourish.

Despite being unable to share our festivities with parents, the children have enjoyed a wonderful festive period. The School Council organised the annual Talent Show. I knew that Tushingham had talent from our celebration assemblies, but wow! What a lot of talent was on display: from a huge range of musicians to a range of dance styles to magic to even a hula hoop! The children really did put on a show. I hope you have all enjoyed the recording of the Nativity play – I'm sure you'll agree the children rose to the occasion and benefited from performing together and thinking about the Christmas story. Christmas dinner was a joyful experience with party hats, singing and a delicious dinner prepared by Mrs Blackhurst. Classes enjoyed their own Christmas activities too – crafts and memorable moments galore including Christmas parties and Freddie Fantastic Magic Show. The whole school enjoyed joining in with a performance from the Edsential musicians – a cello, tuba, cornet and a trumpet which filled us with festive feelings. On Christmas jumper day the children looked spectacular and were proud to be raising money for Save the Children. It was very special to end the term at St Chad's church with some thoughtful reflection time. The readers all spoke expertly and Josie led proceedings expertly. The moment was enhanced by Becky playing the cornet which made the hairs on the back of our neck's tingle, and Max was going to play his keyboard but due to technical hitches, he played an impromptu performance on the organ which was so impressive. He now wants to play the organ in the future! Thank you to Joanne Smith – his piano teacher - and Stuart – the organist – for enabling this.

Thank you to the Friends of Tushingham for the hard work they have put into the Christmas raffle – some incredible prizes which I hope the winners enjoy. It raised a



whopping £968! Look out for the totaliser in the school entrance for funds raised this year.

The School Council were fabulous when they led worship on Children in Need Day, informing the children about the purpose of the day.

Football Club has run this term and the team is developing well ready for matches in the league next term.

Lunches will be returning to a 3-weekly choice menu after the holidays. Please order on school spider. Well done everyone for persevering with the app. Communication is now working well.

I'd like to remind all parents of our attendance policy which aims for children to have attendance of 97%. Good attendance has a direct correlation with maximising attainment so it is imperative we do all we can to ensure children are in school whilst also protecting our community. I know this can be a difficult balance at the moment.

Rev Karen would like to invite all families to the Crib service at St Michael's church, Marbury at 4pm on the 22nd December (if it is still going ahead).

Thank you for your support of our decisions surrounding Covid – we don't take them lightly and we really appreciate you understanding the need for them and following the advice. It has been disappointing (yet again) that events have not been able to go ahead as planned, but let's take heart in that the real joy of Christmas isn't in our traditions. It isn't just that Jesus was born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. The real wonder of Christmas is that Jesus can be 'born in us today' – he can bring his healing, his peace and his purpose into our lives.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and a happy new year.

Every Christmas blessing,

Mrs Cathy Davies

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