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# St Chad's Church in Wales Primary School

'Always looking to the future'

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Dear parents/carers,

We approach a very welcome Christmas break, where we are all looking forward to spending time with our families and friends.

As we say goodbye to 2022 I am so grateful and humbled to lead my first term of headship at St Chad's School with fabulous children, dedicated and caring staff who go above and beyond for our children and loyal parents who support their children and the school so well. The staff here at St. Chad's are truly amazing and I am so lucky to have a team who put the children's needs at the heart of everything they do. Staff, I hope you have a very restful Christmas and enjoy your well-deserved break.

Reflecting on a term full of learning, development and progress, we have seen so many stars of the week for wonderful learning and positive attitudes and children gaining Headteacher awards for amazing work. Looking back on the term has shown so many exciting opportunities including; School visits to Cosford, Blist Hill, an Evacuee day, an Owl Workshop, Remembrance, Football week and the festivities of Christmas.

Our traditional Christmas tree walk always starts the merriments of the season; it was a very chilly and atmospheric walk with the fog over the mere. It is always a day that I look back on and think how lucky I am to be at St Chad's. The way the children interact with each other is just heart-warming. A big thank you to Lady Hanmer and her family for the donation of the Christmas tree and our greeting on the way back to the Village by Father Christmas, his elf and of course a walking and talking letterbox! Courtesy of Hanmer Stores.

Our Christmas Carol Church Service was an absolute delight! The Church is always a special place for us and it was wonderful that we could come together to celebrate Christmas with singing, prayers and performances. A thank you to Mrs Birch who plays the organ for us and is very patient with us when we have rehearsals!

All classes took part in Christmas visits including the Pantomime 'Robin Hood', where Mr Williamson was very pleased he was not picked on by the Dame and Winter Wonderland in Telford where Mr Maddocks was able to check he was on the good list. Thank you to the PTA who funded the coaches for these visits.

Our Nativity, 'A Midwife Crisis' was so beautifully performed by our Foundation Phase classes, that helps us to remember the true meaning of Christmas, although I'm not sure Mary was lucky enough to have a midwife in the stable! Their singing was so angelic and it definitely had the cute factor. Thank you for your support with helping them to learn their lines and with providing their costumes. A huge thank you to all the staff who put their all into the play, it is a very nervous time but they were all so very proud of you.

Our party day was a busy day! From discos, party games and a lovely visit from the man himself- yes Father Christmas came to St. Chad's! He gave a special gift to each child, thank you to the team of elves who helped him to wrap these gifts!

Christmas dinner was a success with lots of children eating it all up! A big thank you to Mrs Stamper and Mrs Fowles who prepared the feast.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our school governors who volunteer in their role and do a fabulous job at ensuring our school continues to develop and provide the best education and environment for our children.

A special mention to our children, who make this school a brilliant place full of positivity, laughter and love. I hope you all get some lovely presents for Christmas and enjoy spending time at home with your families and friends.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. See you on Monday 9th January 2023

Warm Wishes

Nicola Locker

Headteacher