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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a really busy and successful term. The children, you and the staff have all been working really hard to help the children make progress in many different ways. Here at school we have been focusing on improving their reading and writing skills. Keep it going over the holidays as much as you can and particularly with learning to **spell and speed read** the 'tricky words'.

Our fundraising efforts have been very successful this term:

Harvest Assembly raised £346.35 for Mkunkhu School in Malawi and we continue to raise funds for them during the Christmas performances. Thank you to all those Year 2 children that created the wonderful Malawi projects this term. They have been coming in ever since half term. It's never too late if this holiday time is a good one to get the children (Y2) researching and being creative. Mrs Speak from African Vision Malawi has visited the school to do an assembly, telling the children about the progress there and to give us letters and projects from Mkunkhu School earlier in the term.

The Poppy Appeal, organised by Mr Chalke our Site Manager raised £162.25 to support ex-service men and women.

The Children in Need spotty day (organised by Mrs Brady and Miss Douglas) raised £470 and has gone to support many children and their families across the UK.

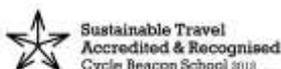
The school Christmas Fair raised £3.5K to support this school. Fantastic!

Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and also for your help and support in making all this possible. I would like to extend a special thank you to **Gemma Morris, Javi Hameed, Natalie Dark and Karen Grubb**. They have become the new FRIENDS organising team and had the daunting task of running their first Christmas Fair. They created a very successful and enjoyable fair.

The School Councillors have done a fantastic job of looking after the children and the school and helping me each week to teach the children about the Golden Rules. We celebrated their efforts by entering the Christmas Tree Festival Competition at Christ Church with St Phillip where they had to decide on a theme, make the decorations and put them up. The choir then sang together with the junior school choir to open the event last Friday afternoon. Over the weekend all the trees were judged and we finished a grand 2nd and only missed out of winning by a couple of votes. The judgment is made by the visiting public so a real accolade to the School Councillors efforts.

Thank you also to the Eco Warriors for helping to keep the classrooms and playground tidy this term and to the Buddies who have been a great support when children need a friend or are new to the school.

We have achieved the Silver Award for Healthy Schools and for Physical Education and are going for Gold in both.



The Christmas festivities are well under way. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come and help on Making Day on 1st December. Reception performed so wonderfully in their Away in A Manger performances last week. All children were involved - singing, acting, playing percussion and narrating. Year 1 and Year 2 celebrate Christmas with their performances of Noisy Nativity at Christ Church with St Philip on Tuesday and Wednesday this week at 9.30am where they also narrate, act and sing the story of Christmas. Please come along if you are able to. Our Christmas Dinner for all children and staff is this Wednesday and Nursery celebrates with their festive singing in the morning and afternoon. There are also special events and parties in school for each year group between now and the end of term.

We said farewell to our other Site Manager Mr George McClennan at the end of November and wished him well for his new job as caretaker of a large church.

School closes at 2pm on Wednesday 20th December 2017. Please collect your children from the normal pick up place promptly. The After School Club is open from 2pm until 6pm as usual.

Thank you all for your continued support in our drive to keep absences to a minimum and to get the children to school on time every day. We finished the last school year with a record attendance above National and want to improve even more. Remember we start teaching phonics across the school at 9am every morning and if children are late they miss out on learning these really important skills.

We would all like to wish you a very happy, safe, healthy and peaceful Christmas holidays and look forward to seeing you all again on 4th January 2018. (School is closed for INSET on Wednesday 3rd January)

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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