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Dear Parent and Carers,

This term I will be sending a catch up letter once a week. This is to let everyone know any developments over the week and celebrate anything that has been happening in our school community.

If you have anything to share please email me by 10:00am on a Friday and I'll try and include it in the next catch up letter.

Years R, 1 and 2 took part in a Nativity before Christmas. There have been over 400 viewings. Teachers would be delighted to hear any feedback. It was amazing that given the circumstances we faced before Christmas we were able to still go ahead with the nativity. The children did so well and I really enjoyed watching it.

The children also watched a play outside last term. As part of that activity, they made Christmas cards that the company delivered to local care homes. This week I've had three messages of thanks for the cards, one of which said how wonderful the residents thought the cards and were especially touched at a time when some weren't having contact with their own families. Well done to all the children that made them.

School reopened on Monday 11th January after the essential works were completed. We have new ceilings in the ICT suite, office, parts of the hall and reception area. All the phone systems and internet were back up and running by mid-day on the Monday and the office staff have done a tremendous job getting the office back into working order.

Zoom lessons are generally going well. We have had a few teething issues but are learning all the time. Year 4 - Dragonfly, have had the best attendance so far with 24 out of 30 children taking part this week. Reverend Steve held an

assembly on Wednesday. Nearly 100 of our children watched it. These assemblies will be taking place each Wednesday at 2:30pm.

The paper packs are ready for collection between 9:00am and 3:00pm on Thursday and Friday each week. Please let your class teacher know if you need one.

The laptops arrived in school on Tuesday and the technician has managed to get them set up to be sent out. Mrs Murray will start contacting those that have been in touch with her about borrowing one next week.

Free school meal vouchers were sent out to those eligible parents on Wednesday this week. The National scheme is due to be set up from next week so the school will be using this in the future. If your circumstances have changed, please contact the school office who will be able to direct you to how to apply.

Some families have already received keeping in touch calls this week. Teachers will be calling families over the next couple of weeks if we haven't seen children at zoom lessons or had any other form of contact. We want to support children during this time so please use these calls to talk through what is working for you and how we can adapt anything to further support.

Stay safe.

Mrs E Pearson