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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of the term and what a busy one it has been. We still have our Christmas shows to go this week on Tuesday and Wednesday and we look forward to welcoming families. The children have rehearsed so well together as a school and it will be wonderful to see them perform 'Straw and Order' as their singing, dancing and delivery of their lines has been fantastic when practising.

Christmas is always a lovely time in school as we get to do festive activities together. The children will be making their Christingle oranges this week for the church service. This is part of festive work and allows us all to come together as staff and pupils with Rev Catherine Walton to celebrate the meaning of Christmas. Also, we have been doing the 12 Days of Christmas and this will continue until Friday. Each day 2 names are picked out (1 from infants and 1 from juniors) to get the attendance prize.

We are very lucky to be part of such a supportive community and this season we have been shown such generosity. Angela from Houghton-le-Spring Tesco donated selection boxes and gifts. Also, our local Parish provided baubles and art pens so each child could complete a tree decoration. These are now hanging on the outdoor lit-up Christmas tree and the one inside St Barnabas' Church. At the tree light switch on, Santa was there and he handed out selection boxes to all the children who came along. In addition, we were invited by St Barnabas' Church, Durham Constabulary and Chester-le-Street Business Association to enter the Christmas card design competition. We were given prizes for the children and one lucky winner got the offer of switching on the tree lights in Chester-le-Street.

All the staff have worked very hard this term to ensure the children have great learning experiences. Our small close-knit team are a joy to work with but we will be saying good-bye to one member of staff. At the end of this term, Mrs Lowder will be retiring and we wish her the very best in the next stage of her life. Mrs Lowder is a wonderful, dedicated member of staff who brings energy and warmth to all she does. She will be such a miss in our school and we all wish her good luck. After so many years of dedication both in education and formerly working in the NHS, Mrs Lowder's retirement is well-deserved and we wish her all the best.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2026. We appreciate all the support we receive and enjoy working in partnership with you to support your children.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Laura Snowdon (Headteacher)