



17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have reached the final day of the autumn term, in the third week of Advent and I must say it has truly been a week full of joy! I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, children, parents and governors for all your hard work and support this term.

### Early Years Christmas Concert and Carols by Candlelight

When many schools up and down the country had to cancel Christmas productions, we were delighted to welcome you to school to share in two beautiful events. Our youngest children sang their hearts out and their enthusiasm was palpable. I'm sure all those that came along were very proud of them and boy have we missed these opportunities!

In the evening, our school playground was transformed into Bethlehem itself. With the stunning nativity scene as a backdrop once again the children were fantastic. Thank you to the Junior Leadership team who narrated the story and led the readings. We received many positive comments and I had a very emotional feeling when I walked out to see so many parents gathered together. Children's nativities, productions or concerts are such an important part of primary school life and it was nice to be able to do this in a safe way for everybody. We received many positive comments and hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

### Good News

We are delighted to inform you that, following our recent UNICEF, Rights Respecting Assessment, we have been successful in achieving the Gold Standard. We are now officially a UNICEF GOLD Rights Respecting School. We are so proud of our whole school community who have worked hard to achieve this award. We will be uploading the official report to the website. Please take the time to read this report.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the Autumn term. I hope that this holiday will be a time of rest, relaxation, joy and hope for you and your families.

With every good wish for a very Merry Christmas and Peace to all for the New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Kelly  
Headteacher

*Reflection to share at home*

*Loving God,*

*Help us remember the birth of Jesus,*

*that we may share in the song of the angels,*

*the gladness of the shepherds,*

*and worship of the wise men*

*Amen*

