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Dear Parents and Carers,

With just three weeks to go until we break up for Christmas, there is lots going on including children from across the schools getting ready for nativities, carol services and singing events. Last week, years 4, 5 and 6 sang together in preparation for the Wells Cathedral Christmas concert next Monday. It is sounding great! In assemblies this week we are looking at the theme of Advent and remembering to find stillness for the real meaning of Christmas amongst all our busy preparations.

On Tuesday, Mr Caswell was in his element teaching poetry to the West Chinnock juniors and learning all about onomatopoeia. We had teams at the Boccia tournament in Yeovil last Thursday and the hockey tournament in Bruton on Sunday. Children also read out readings and took part in the Christingle Service at Norton on Sunday. Well done and thank you to all who participated and represented our schools so well.

Last Thursday was the Christmas Tea Party organised by Year 6 at West Chinnock as part of their enterprise project. They did really well and sold lots of cakes and brilliant reusable beeswax food wraps. Thank you to Leni and the parent volunteers who helped the children with this.

This week Class 1 children from both schools will visit the Somerset Reindeer Ranch on Monday. Class 4 at Norton will visit Stanchester on Tuesday morning to take part in a Drama workshop. We look forward to hearing how they all get on. A reminder that there is a Phonics information evening for parents of children in Year R and 1 at West Chinnock this Wednesday 4th December 3.30pm

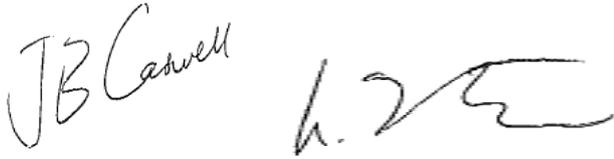
Finally to update you on building projects going on across our two sites, at Norton we are planning to transform the central area of the school, replace outdated computers and make this a more open and flexible place for learning. This will be part funded by a generous Co-op community donation that we recently received (organised by the FONS).

At West Chinnock, the new heating system was installed last week in class 1 and we are making progress with planners/builders for both the floor strengthening/refurbishment of the old school building, as well as completion of a new library structure (funds for which were raised from the wonderful Chinnocks Chase). We anticipate that after months of waiting, we will finally see work commencing on both early in the New Year.



Have a lovely week – thank you for your support at this busy time of year,

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of J B Caswell and L Stiddard.

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