



**NORTON SUB HAMDON and WEST CHINNOCK
C of E VC PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all very much getting into the Christmas spirit with carol services held at both Norton and West Chinnock this week. As we remember the story of the first Christmas and discover its meaning, the services in the church are an important part of our C of E schools' tradition where we can all celebrate together. At Norton, we heard the story of Papa Panov and in the importance of helping others. At West Chinnock, we learned the Christmas traditions we have inherited from the Victorians.

An excellent rendition of Once in Royal David's City was given by Ashton at West Chinnock Church. At Norton Church, Poppy and Ted sang their song from the Infant Nativity play beautifully. Other highlights were carols, readings, prayers, recorder and flute performances and performances of Christmas songs in French and Spanish. We also had former Norton and West Chinnock pupils, now in Years 7 & 8, ringing the bells at West Chinnock supervised by Tower Captains, Mark Gill and Mr Caswell.

Well done to all the children and staff at this time of year who have kept the momentum going right to the end of this term. Behind the scenes this week, staff have done a sterling job dealing valiantly with the upheaval as the server is moved in preparation for floor strengthening works at West Chinnock in the Spring. It was a joy to see Mrs Mitchell, the Federation's former Business Manager, looking so well when she visited earlier this week. Thank you to Mrs White for providing the delicious high tea.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Heidi Parish who has been working in Class 2 at West Chinnock on Thursdays. We also thank the Friends of Norton School and the Parent and Friends Association for all their hard work and commitment in fund-raising for the two schools.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you back on Monday 6th January 2020!

Yours Sincerely,

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