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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Christmas Around the World**

Over the last two weeks the children have taken part in learning around the theme 'Christmas Around the World'. As part of this they have taken part in various learning activities linked to Christmas and even taken part in a Christmas craft carousel day, which was a great success.

### **Nativity**

Last Wednesday, EYFS and KS1 performed the Nativity story to parents and families at St Catherine's Church. This is the first time that the nativity has taken place at the church and just as well it did, as we had a record turnout - over 170 seats were filled.

For those of you that were fortunate enough to attend, you will agree that the children did us proud. They filled the church with their angelic singing, performance skills and blew me over with their solo performances. It was lovely to see every child taking part - well done to all the children and the staff for making it a huge success!

Thank you also all the parents and carers for the donations you made. We managed to raise £130.00. This amount will be split equally between the local RSPCA branch and the homeless in Burnley.

### **Springfield Choir**

At the start of this term, children from across Key stage 2 came together to form our very own choir. Under the direction of Mr John Garrett aptly supported by Mrs Lingard, they have met regularly, on a weekly basis and gone from strength to strength. Last week at the Christmas Nativity the choir made their first public appearance and what a fabulous job they did!

On the back of this success, Springfield choir also performed alongside Burnley Community Choir this week as part of St Catherine's Christmas Concert. As expected the church was packed! The children performed a mixture of traditional and more modern carols and songs - again their voices were wonderful.

### **Christingle Service**

Yesterday, Springfield took part in its very first Christingle Service at St Catherine's Church. During the service the Y6 children had their Christingle's lit whilst the rest of the school sang carols. Thank you to everyone who attended.

### **Baby News**

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Barnes gave birth to a gorgeous little girl on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. She weighed in at 7lb 1oz and has been named Lyla Molly Rose. Congratulations to both mum and dad on behalf of everyone at Springfield.

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### **Staffing News**

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs White to Springfield. Mrs White will be starting with us in January and working predominately alongside Mrs Fairclough in Year 2. She will be covering whilst Mrs Barnes is on maternity leave.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Whittaker for all his hard work and the learning support he has provided our children with, over the last half term, in Mrs Barnes' absence.

### **Website**

You may or may not be aware that we are now coming up to a year since we launched our new website. For those of you that haven't had the opportunity to browse through this, I would urge you to have a look. The website contains lots of information about what your child has been learning, class information, any breaking news as it happens, clubs and activities with information about successes at competitions as well as what is coming up. There is also a section under 'our community' that contains information about events taking place at the local children's centre.

### **Suggestions**

At Springfield, we recognise that the success of the school lies in involving as many stakeholders' views in the decision-making process. For this reason, from the start of the new year we will be trialling the idea of a suggestion box, which will be in the main entrance area and labelled with 'I have a great idea!'. As part of this we are asking parents to post any great ideas that they may have, which will then be considered by the senior leaders. These ideas can either be anonymous or parents can leave names. Please note that this box is not to be used for complaints. If parents do have a complaint this needs to go through proper channels, in line with the school's complaints procedure.

### **Parent Governors**

I am pleased to announce that Mrs K Seddon and Miss E Stevens have been appointed as our new parent governors. I'm sure you will agree that they are both fantastic appointments. We look forward to them working alongside our other governors and staff in moving the school forward.

Finally, as I come to the end of my first year as headteacher, I would like to thank you all for the support I have received over the last year - it has been greatly appreciated!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year!

**School will re-open on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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Headteacher