



# St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents

With only two weeks to go until the end of term our Christmas preparations are in full swing.

### Christmas Performances

As you will be aware the Key Stage One Christmas Performance of *Prickly Hay* is next week in the afternoons of Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets are currently available from the office (two per family) and from Monday they will be on general release, so if you require more you can purchase these then. Tickets for the Key Stage Two production, *Ebenezer*, which is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (1:45pm & 6:30pm) will be on sale from Monday. They will initially be restricted to 2 per family and will be on general release from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. All money from ticket sales for the productions will be split between our three charities of the year - Help for Heroes, NSPCC and Uganda.

### Community Lunch

On Wednesday we held our first community lunch and were very pleased with the response. We had 18 local residents come to partake in the lunch and they had a thoroughly enjoyable meal and the choir performed to them as they ate. We are hoping to make this a termly event and I would like to thank Lisa Barlow and all the staff in her kitchen for making it such a success.

### Choir

The choir performed at Atlantic Village yesterday evening (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>). Next week they will be performing in our local community at Tesco, East-the-Water (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm), The North Devon Hospice's Light Up a Life Service at St Mary's Church (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - 6pm) and at Springfield Day Centre and Marlborough Court (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - during the day). Many thanks to the children for their commitment to this and to their parents for bringing them to these performances.

### Torrige Scouts Christmas Post

The local scout groups are again delivering Christmas post around Bideford, Appledore, Northam, Westward Ho! and East-the Water. Each card will need to have a special stamp, which can be purchased for 20p from Mrs Runeckles who will be in the foyer at the end of school next week. Any cards can be put into the post box in the foyer by 10<sup>th</sup> December and are guaranteed to be delivered by 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Finally, I have been talking to the Torrige District Council Traffic Department and will be sending an important letter out next week regarding parking around St Mary's. Hopefully the developments that we have agreed will help in making the school run less stressful for the adults and safer for all your children.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Scarrett

Acting Headteacher