



Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the special parts about being in a rural school, is the strong sense of community it brings. The close-knit relationships, and the sense of belonging can boost our children's confidence and make them feel more supported and able to understand their valued place in the world. Christ Church is a big part of our community and our annual Christingle service this week was a delight. A moment of calm during what is a very busy period. The children were so responsible with their lit Christingles, and we were able to enjoy the many little candle lights in the Church together.

Thankyou to everyone that helped at our fantastic Christmas Fair on Friday. We had such a great range of stalls scattered across the school - my favourite was the Lego and cake stall! It was such a magical event enjoyed by everyone, and the PTA raised additional funds for school resources and trip for our children.

Our value of Nurture this term has highlighted that having a sense of purpose and giving back is so important. We offer a variety of roles and responsibilities to empower our children to actively contribute to our school community and ensure they have a valued voice in school decision-making. At our school every child has a job either in the class or across the school. We have journalists, gardeners, playground leaders, librarians and more. Participating in school jobs foster a sense of community and belonging. Our children feel more connected to their school environment and take pride in contributing to it.

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Executive Headteacher



### Our Christingle Service

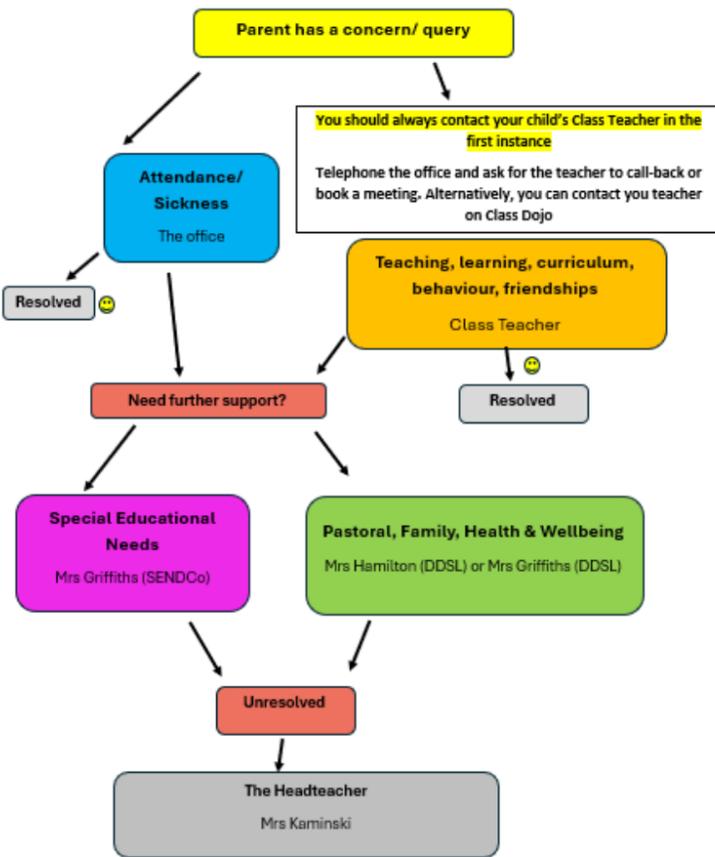


**Audio- books for the Winter season – listen to a book before bed 😊** CHRISTMAS IN ICELAND Jason and his parents spend Christmas in Iceland – a wonderful country where ice and snow are guaranteed, and there are volcanoes too. But Jason is not happy. He's heard that Santa doesn't visit Iceland – and what use is Christmas without Santa? And it's true, they don't have Santa there – but they do have 13 Christmas Imps who bring presents. Well that's what their Icelandic friend says – but Jason doesn't believe a silly story like that – even when presents start arriving.  
<https://www.storynory.com/christmas-in-iceland/>



### Who do I contact if I have a concern or query?

To ensure we resolve any issues or concerns you have in the most efficient way, it's really important that you know who to contact and when.



### Christmas Fair



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Nurture.

Our chosen worship songs this week were: [Kumbaya](#) and [When I needed a neighbour](#)  
This week in worship we learnt about [Christmas around the world](#).

## WORSHIP



Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians\*, such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7 January. Some Greek Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on 7 January, too.

Many of the festive traditions we have in the UK today came about in the Victorian era – such as Christmas cards, gift-giving and crackers, as well as traditional foods like mince pies and roast turkey! Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were huge fans of Christmas, in fact!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

### Events at a glance:

- Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity in Church – 10am
- Wednesday 10th December - Year 6 Carol singing at the Bradbury Daycare Centre
- Friday 12th December – Crib visits in Church – 1:30
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Concert – Village Hall – 6pm -7pm
- Friday 19th December – Theatre Trips – All day
- Friday 19th December – Last day of Term

Happy birthday to Isla, Willow and Lauren

Who celebrate their birthdays this week - we wish you a very happy birthday!



## NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

