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Dear Parents / Carers,

The term flies by and there's been so much going on at Himbleton CofE First School. When I have met new parents to show them round don't just talk about standards (although that is usually my first comment), I also talk about the rich and diverse experience that children at Himbleton receive. They are such a tight group of staff at Himbleton who work their socks off to make sure the school is a fun happy place to learn. From outdoor learning to special events, Himbleton provides its children with a well-rounded education.

This term really has typified what it means to be a church school: Remembrance was really moving as the children learnt what it was like to be a soldier, trying to understand what it must be like; iSing POP was a wonderful experience for all the children – affirming positivity and learning Christian based songs in a really fun way; and the fund raising days – what a wonderful way to show children how to be charitable and care for others, even if you may not know them.

The festivities are soon to begin and I know that the staff children are already working hard practicing for the Nativity and Carol Service. It's always a magical time in any school and Himbleton is no exception. On the subject of Christmas I know that the Friends have been working hard planning and preparing the 'Friends Christmas Grotto'. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend but I'll make sure I see the Nativity. I do hope as many of you can support the Christmas Grotto as possible though – I've heard that it's a really special event, and we all thank the parents and friends that help the school in providing such fun opportunities for the children; raising vital funds that can be used to support the school.

Speaking of supporting the school, you will have received a text message about parking and children's safety. I'm sure I don't need to emphasise the importance of being careful when parking near the school. Thank you to all of you that support us with this.

Our worship theme has very aptly been 'Friendship':

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light. - Helen Keller

I hope you all have restful and peaceful Christmas and enjoy the time you spend together.

Mr Payne