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Dear Parents,

As we end this term and draw close to the end of another year, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of school. On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

<u>Well done to all the Reception and Year 1</u> children for a fabulous 'Angel Express' nativity. Thanks to the Friends for serving coffee and mince pies too!

<u>Another well done to our Choir and Orchestra</u> who have performed so impressively over this festive season. Huge thanks to Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Holmes for their continued dedication and enthusiasm in leading our Choir.

<u>A big thank you to all those parents, families and friends</u> who joined us for our Carol Service on Tuesday evening. This is always such a wonderful event and this year was no exception!

<u>Another huge thank you to the Friends</u> for, once again, organizing the magical 'Pocket Money Stall' event. Thanks for all the storage and bargain hunting throughout the year to make this event possible and thanks to all those who came to wrap the gifts on the day! Another magical afternoon!

<u>Well done to all the children (and staff!) who performed in our annual Talent Show</u> – 'X'Factor, Strictly... no comparison!

<u>Dark evenings</u> – We have spoken to all the children this week regarding the importance of 'keeping safe' and 'being seen' – emphasizing the importance of personal safety when crossing roads, walking home from school and not speaking to strangers.

School re-opens – Monday 5th January 2015.

<u>School lunches</u> – The menu will begin in January with week 1.

Choir resumes Thursday 15th January 2015

Orchestra resumes Wednesday 14th January 2015

Music Lessons resume week beginning Monday 5th January 2015



Christmas at St. Gabriel's Church, Brownhill	
Friday 19 December – Carol Singing: 7.00 p.m. at the Brownhill Arms 8.30 p.m. at the Knowles Arms	
Sunday 21 December: 10.30 a.m. – Carols and Readings	
Christmas Eve Services: 4.00 p.m. – Christingle 11.15 p.m. – Midnight Holy Communion	
Christmas Day Service: 10.00 a.m. – All Age Communion	

<u>Christmas Competition</u> - Below are the winners. Thank you to all those who donated prizes and to everyone who took part – a total of $\pounds111$ was raised.

St. Gabriel's School Christmas Competition Winners 2014			
1	Three Fishes - £40 Voucher	Frank Smith c/o Matthew Barlow	collected
2	Exodus £27 Hair Voucher	Geoff Dent	sent home tonight
3	Lorus Gents Watch	Josh Asal	collected
4	Grays £25 School Uniform Voucher	Kevin Walsh	
5	Remote Controlled Mini	T. Doherty	sent home tonight
6	Grays £10 School Uniform Voucher	J. Parkinson	sent home tonight
7	Blue Tooth Alarm Clock	Chloe Brewster	collected
8	Salt and Pepper Mill	David Howarth	collected
9	Aliens Love Underpants Book Pack	Linda Black	
10	The Very Best Baking Book for Children	Chris Hughes	
11	The Very Funny Farm Pop Up Book	Ruby Spencer	sent home tonight

Yours sincerely,

B. Haigh Headteacher