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Dear Parents,

### Governor's Christmas Newsletter 2011

It's been a very busy autumn at our school. In September we welcomed our new Ash Class and enjoyed the Harvest Festival. In October Chestnut Class sang at The Mayor of Bath's 'Family Concert' in the Forum. November saw the FoBS Quiz, run by Janine and Jon Stevenson and team. As ever, the event was huge fun, raised £417.50, and was won, inevitably, by our marvellously clever teaching staff! Also in November the children enjoyed the discos, Children in Need mufti day and class stalls (raising £416.48), and amassed 63 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A large number of children exhibited work in the Box Art Club Exhibition. We are hugely grateful to the Art Club for donating their raffle and entrance donations to the school garden fund - which came to over £200! But perhaps one of the most significant achievements of the term, if not the year, was Sycamore Class' participation in the School Proms, singing as part of the Wiltshire Massed Ensemble in The Royal Albert Hall. The children were incredible, the location breathtaking, and the event a real delight.

Other class trips have included a visit to the SS Great Britain for Oak Class. As part of their Tudor theme Chestnut class spent a day at The Red Lodge in Bristol and enjoyed a voyage around the docks on Cabot's ship, The Matthew. The project culminated in a Tudor day, which included writing with quills, Tudor games and crafts, and performing their Tudor dance, in costume, for their parents.

In the run up to Christmas, Marie and Christina's super Tea Towel project sold out, raising £283.60. This year's Nativity was a very special performance, combining the story of a traditional Christmas carol with a Nativity pageant. The collection raised £329.42, €4.40 and an old ha'penny for Help for Heroes.

With the School Garden ground works completed, the 'fun' begins. Following the hugely enjoyable working party to prepare the beds, Bronwen and Sue have led planting sessions for all the classes. The children have planted raspberries, bulbs and fruit trees. National Tree Week was celebrated with the planting of a cherry and a plum, kindly donated by Whitehall Garden Centre, and a marvellous espalier apple, gratefully received from Magic Dragon Pre-School. It was super to see the Magic Dragons at school to celebrate the planting. There is still much work to be done in the coming months. We hope to install a large greenhouse, raised beds and a lot more plants. Miss French is busy helping the children make the rather exciting and all important choice of play equipment.

Our school continues to be very successful, results for English and Maths continue to be excellent, putting us in the top 5% of schools nationally. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work.

Hope you can join us at the Carol Service, in the church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Season's greeting, Tim Walton, Chair of Governors

