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Dear Parents

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To quote some more favourite lines from our Nativity: "What's happening?" "I don't know, but it sounds important!"

Very important, and exciting news for the school; please see the attached letter from the Chair of Governors, Chris Wheaton.

Reminders for next week

Christmas Solder Tuesday and Wednesday, 5.45 pm. Children back at school, in costume (except Year 6 and those at After-school Club) for 5.30. All tickets have now been allocated and we've been able to meet nearly all requests.

Christmas Lunch Thursday 20th (no sandwiches). Please ensure all lunch monies are up to date. There's a rumour Father Christmas might be in our area that day.

Sports Tournament Friday 21st. Children to come to school in PE kit please.

Finishing time School will finish at 12.00 on Friday 21st December.

Thanks Many thanks for supporting your children so well during the Christmas celebrations up to now: the Winter Wonderland, the Present Palace, the Nativity, the Concert of 9 Lessons and the Christmas shopping expedition today.

We round off the week with the Pied Piper tonight; please be at the church for 5.50 pm as the coach will leave promptly.

Looking forward to next week.

Yours sincerely

Liz Tansley

14th December

Dear Parents,

Appointment of Chris Savage as the headteacher of The Hendreds School

I am delighted to announce that Chris Savage will be our new headteacher, replacing Liz on her retirement at the end of term. The Governors, along with ODST (the academy trust that The Hendreds belongs to) ran a thorough and rigorous selection process, ending with an assessment day last Wednesday run by myself and Ann Davey, chief executive of ODST. After a full day of tasks and four interview panels covering every aspect of teaching, education and leadership, we are delighted to be able to appoint Chris as headteacher.

I'd like to thank Chris for the thought and preparation he put into his application, and also for his unfailing good humour throughout Wednesday, a day that to him must have seemed very long indeed. I must also thank my fellow governors who served on the appointment committee, and for the effort they put into the recruitment process and for taking time off work to attend the assessment day and make sure we were as rigorous as possible. Thank you also to all of you parents, who have been patient and understanding throughout this process while we have been able to say not very much at all.

Many, many congratulations to Chris! I will be in school at various points over the next week, if anyone would like to discuss anything with me, please do stop me and ask, or I am also available on email at chris.wheaton@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk, or drop a note into the office and I'll be in touch.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Chris Wheaton

Chair of Governors