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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to report that due to an increase in numbers we have appointed Mr. Webster as a part-time teacher from January to work across our KS1 and lower KS2 base. Mr Webster worked with us earlier this year and knows our pupils well; he is also keen to develop computing in school. Miss Waring, as our EYFS and KS1 leader, will oversee the base which will give us the opportunity to split year 1 and year 2 in the mornings. We will also combine year 2 with some year 3 pupils to balance out the class size and enable us to focus on high quality teaching to meet the needs of all the pupils in the school. Mrs Morris, our HLTA, will also continue to support the base. This will give us the opportunity to further support year 2 SATs, which are completed in June.

Thank you for attending our recent Christmas events - we have had packed halls at our KS1 nativity play 'Born in Barn'. Thank you for your wonderful support and I am sure you will agree all the children were outstanding. I would also like to thank staff for all their hard work in preparing the children and the staging – it looked amazing.

This week KS2 will be visiting St.Mary's at Doverdale for a Christingle service; I am delighted by this since we rarely have chance to get to our local church due to its location. However, the church have offered to pay for the cost of transport and will provide the Christingles. This will be a fitting way to say goodbye to Rev. Arnold who is moving to a parish in Devon in the New Year.

The children are all very excited by their Christmas parties, special visitor and gift; **huge thanks** to the PTA for all their support at this time of year. They have covered transport costs to the pantomime, supported our Christmas fayre, organised the 'My child's art' cards, gifts for the parties and have enabled school to update its guided reading scheme.

We will finish our term with a Carol concert starting promptly at 1pm with readings, music and songs from KS2. School closes for Christmas at 2pm and reopens on Wednesday 4th January.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all **a very Happy Christmas** and I sincerely hope that Sytchampton continues to grow in 2017 – in January we will have 98 pupils.

Thank you for your support and feedback it is very much appreciated.

Sharon Williams

Headteacher

