**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy; Deputy Headteachers; RE CoOrdinators :  and please forward to teachers, parishes and friends.**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :               11th December 2020**

**Re           :              Fortnightly email and resources from the Diocesan Education Team**

Dear colleagues

We approach the end of a most exceptional term that has challenged and blessed us in equal measure, both in our personal and professional lives. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment, resilience, creativity and responsiveness to events and expectations that no one could have imagined. What has kept us all focused and engaged is our common desire to give the children and adults in our partnerships the opportunity to thrive and flourish – despite all that has crossed our paths.

My team remains working from home for the coming months, and we genuinely look forward to the time when we might be able to visit our schools again, as well as meeting with you all at our Area Briefings. **We send our best wishes, thanks and blessings for a really well-deserved break, rest and time of recuperation and joy with your albeit restricted friends and families over Christmas.**

**Diocesan Christmas Video :** I commend to you our Christmas Video and would be delighted if you are able to forward to Classroom Teachers and Parishes for viewing. Many thanks to Sue Bowen, Diocesan Education Advisor for coordinating and script-writing, and to Jess Littlewood our colleague who has put together another amazing production, as she has for the video-worships we have shared throughout the past ten months. The video can be accessed here :   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfjHB1mQhPo&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=CofEWinchester>   and attached are instructions on how to best use the video with time for reflection and engagement.

A big thank you to the schools that represent us all in this video : **West Meon**, **St John's Gosport**, **Botley**, **St Katharine's**, **Pennington Junior, Compton All Saints’**, **St James’, West End**, **King’s Somborne, St Mary’s Bentworth, Ampfield & John Keble Federation.**

**Epiphany Classroom Resources :** attached are our classroom worship resources for the first week of next term when we reflect on the arrival of the Magi at the Cattle Shed in Bethlehem. Epiphany is Weds Jan 6th – but I’m sure the resources will be absolutely relevant and engaging for any day during the first week of term.

**The Big Nativity :** It would be great if you could forward this to staff, friends, families and parishes. This 30 minute broadcast will Premier on the morning of Sunday 13th December, available on Winchester Cathedral’s website and Facebook pages for the rest of December [https://www.facebook.com/winchestercathedral/](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1kmZiO-0003Lc-4a&i=57e1b682&c=8otEL1-kCD3CbCkC7YtREqvS60nsUV46fxM6DxB2Hgx_--Pmx7oP18omSKjKK1JOppONM8uPkwaaymFdQ3xFWcjEHjwbVf_Un3dgd1Cyvj_AZeIioQ6z0GE8jFDkzk2iR1gGZWIWaD2_qVgptDfKuiCbFPxxeSaRav7gKfHs9TeSlH0i_tLKE7-lxM-saMblpMKulPKWkle3UsUMwRXBuBN_Q2p3xH-SqxENbdPUGXMMU9w6F8cOvs6vGv3iIsbK)   and  <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/>  It features a range of choirs and music, a reading of from [Sir David Suchet CBE](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1kmZiO-0003Lc-4a&i=57e1b682&c=7FzjARt8qYVCEghIGReBWawUF9cEd--9xVBWgqqOh0ydIOkfT9QFmjxG-ZkBBcmOZ5UgrCVjJS9Y63j1EpmRZLVxAEiZIL_KL674eirZ1vTxqxIONvy52GTl_lCFQWAOApWCulKIYFwX28BGqzh55wLIrcJd-B_HEaJHbN5hmtr8Kiv9wegLg6hOs84RmPb07tHUnf_dPMZ6kNCVso-QRUF6cczzVk3x9z-nxNqcY0s), and an exclusive reading of [Brian Wildsmith'](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1kmZiO-0003Lc-4a&i=57e1b682&c=psk9nRubT1oaU98eArbaq7TQ9MWrR8RxzsWVKcwxreKNce3m6ker7Ja9VyNDgRgj2K__4IE2tWsWdjMundF9EPmKfsS5wbPKuTd5MiLjqqwPRoAg1qivLU0vO4NLL9pOAn_qjqzjmdwI1J-2sHgFye0cYxKa0YvIPcaUKeXeEB8DJgrDILOnIk9ZSwhLGiOHRvj5nmye5JJT4QzHfV2QAYx83Clv7BIjEPp-XkqwJNo)s 'A Christmas Story'.  And lots of fun besides. Here is a trailer :   [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9105ptHVug](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1kmZiO-0003Lc-4a&i=57e1b682&c=b9waNLZo-zR8dp1YEagL4H3aZA4bER_jiDhciVVXaZGQl65mnYM-l-Gcxz9zCslp3nITTnYT8TzS-PxPcEQrNf07gI6pAY6u2EEQFFbHbDuwApMlQBlp4tAEUQunAmgSGR2aHGcfD3BVCtM-nAvw1_FBYdHalmmzzrzBMg_XVJPMtSCm9cqydcj8fnu7Sy00LpW1iligih6LQz98Y10QjfIiUVTl4iUxD2V-017bZswRggtxr03LHMmepK3u13fu)

The broadcast will be available here : <https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1kmZiO-0003Lc-4a&i=57e1b682&c=rruto4HSte2IUD_fX63JZj5hc3YX3Rp1457I_l1zVGIrtQgLvonlL97NlD37G5cZneBbH4gQ9ymXrK9iz8BT4-h9oAztAO-l3C4mE1ETzlyJgnnZ5Q7Kp58c6Jk8Z-iDri_lUxna752F2Els40Cw8ddTqafLNBKGYUkOqFUBk1l97t5r50dMVb_TneR_W2Ht2QWZp8r71ohfp7G0u4pHXg>

So, as I sign off until January’s mailing, I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and all good wishes for 2021

Thank you for who you are and what you do

**Jeff**

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