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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share my thoughts about the Parmiters' and The Sunflower Federation's Concert last week.

This Christmas concert is a long standing tradition between Breakspeare and Partmiters' schools. This year we wanted to extend our choir to both of our Federation Schools and welcomed Meadow Wood students to join the event.

It was delightful to observe how the students from both schools enthusiastically spend time not only in their respective schools but also together in either school practising for the Christmas concert. They developed friendships beyond their usual friendship circle and demonstrated kindness and caring to each other.

The evening itself is amazing. The programme includes opportunities for both schools to present their chosen music independently and together. The Christmas concert is the celebration of many talents and being able to show case these brings something bigger than either party would have be able to do so on their own.

We believe that it is immensely important for our students to have opportunities to be at the centre of positive attention. They experience respect and celebration of their talents and contribution. It is not all about singing – it is also about being part of a group, being able to be in front of an audience participating in the event by singing, signing dancing or being present to experience the atmosphere.

Thanks for enabling your child to join the event. It was great to meet many of you last Thursday evening.

Very best wishes,
Merja