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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, it is with great pleasure that I share several significant events and announcements that will undoubtedly enhance our collective experience in the coming weeks. The culmination of another successful term at St Mary's Catholic Primary School is marked by a series of cherished traditions and beautiful moments that exemplify the spirit of our school.

Foremost among these occasions are our highly anticipated Christmas performances, which serve as a testament to the creativity, dedication, and talent of our children. On the 10th of December, our Key Stage 1 children will take centre stage, presenting their Christmas performance at both 9 am and 2 pm. They are all very



excited!! To ensure the smooth running of these events and to maintain the integrity of our safety protocols, we kindly request that all attendees enter through the school entrance. In adherence to our stringent health and safety regulations, all prams must remain in the reception area please. This measure, while potentially inconvenient, is essential to safeguard the well-being of all present.



Following closely on the heels of the Key Stage 1 performances, our Key Stage 2 children will present their Christmas performance on the 12th of December, also at 9 am and 2 pm. These performances promise to be equally captivating, showcasing the progression of skills and confidence that our older children have developed throughout

their educational journey at St Mary's.

As we progress through the festive period, another highlight of our school calendar approaches: the annual Christmas dinner, scheduled for the 17th of December. This occasion is not merely a lunch event but a celebration of community and shared joy. We encourage all children to embrace the festive spirit by wearing something special or festive on this day. The staff traditionally don their Christmas jumpers, adding to the atmosphere that permeates the school during this special time.



The end of our autumn term and the commencement of the Christmas holidays will occur on the 19th of December. This date marks not only the beginning of a well-deserved break for our children but also a significant transition for one of our esteemed colleagues. It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that we announce the retirement of Mrs Fairfax, our dedicated Year 3 teaching

assistant. Mrs Fairfax has been an integral part of our school community, contributing immeasurably to the educational and personal development of countless children throughout her time at St Mary's. Her commitment to excellence, her lovely nurturing approach, and her unwavering support have left an indelible mark on our school. As she embarks on this new chapter of her life, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a future filled with good health, happiness, and the creation of wonderful new memories. The impact of Mrs Fairfax's contributions to St Mary's will continue to be felt long after her departure, and we collectively express our appreciation for her years of service.

As we bid farewell to the current year and look forward to the dawning of 2025, it is essential to note that children will return to school on Tuesday the 7th of January. This date heralds the commencement of a new term, brimming with opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. We anticipate welcoming back our children, refreshed and reinvigorated after the holiday period, ready to embrace the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead.



We extend our gratitude to all parents, guardians, and staff members whose ongoing support and engagement contribute immeasurably to the vibrant tapestry of our

school life. As we prepare to bid farewell to Mrs Fairfax, let us carry forward the legacy of dedication and care that she exemplifies. Her retirement, while a loss to our immediate school family, is a celebration of a career devoted to nurturing young minds and hearts. May we all strive to emulate the positive impact she has had on our community as we move forward into the new year.

We look forward to your participation in our upcoming events and to continuing our shared commitment to excellence in education as we transition into 2025. May the festive season bring joy, peace, and renewal to all members of our school community.

A Christmas Dinner at St Mary's School

'Twas the week before Christmas, and down in the hall,
The cooks were all busy, preparing for all.
The turkey was roasting, the puddings were hot,
And the sprouts—oh, the sprouts—there were quite a lot!

Miss Carver danced in with her lively Year 5s,
"Remember your manners—no fork dives!"
Her class took their seats with a disciplined air,
But the gravy boat wobbled, and chaos was there!

Mr. Morgan arrived with his spirited Year 3s,
"Please sit down properly—no wobbly knees!"
Yet one brave soul, with a mischievous grin,
Stuffed sprouts in his pockets and claimed they were "wins."

Then came Miss Rushton with her 4 and 5-year-olds,
Each tiny face eager, their excitement bold.
She handed out crackers with jokes that were dire,
But their laughter was sweeter than a carol choir.

The plates were soon heaped with stuffing and mash,
Some children dived in with an unholy splash.
Cranberry sauce flew through the air like a dart,
And pudding got launched (a true custard art!).

"Settle down now," called Miss Carver, aghast,
As season, you see,
For laughter, for joy—and a touch of debris."

By the end of the meal, the hall was a sight,
Crumpled napkins and crackers, oh what a night!
But the children were glowing, their bellies all full,
A Christmas success at St Mary's School.

So here's to the teachers, the staff, and the cheer,
For making school dinners the meal of the year.
May your holidays sparkle, your spirits stay bright,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good bite!