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A Warm and Festive Message from St Mary's Catholic Primary School

As we near the end of another extraordinary term at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, my heart is filled with gratitude and joy as I reflect on everything we've achieved together. The spirit of community that fills our school is truly special, and as the festive season wraps its arms around us, we look forward to a wonderful week of celebration and togetherness.

Christmas Parties Surprise



Next week, the school will be alive with excitement as we will host our annual **FREE** Christmas parties! On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 children will kick off the fun, followed by Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday, and finishing with our Reception and infant children on Wednesday. We invite everyone to come dressed in their favourite party

outfits—although we kindly ask for practical choices over high heels or revealing clothes, ensuring everyone can join in the fun comfortably and safely.

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday brings a particularly magical moment: our annual Christmas dinner. Our Year 5 and 6 children, already dressed in their party finery, will be joined by children from all year groups, who are welcome to wear festive jumpers or Christmassy outfits. The delicious meal, complete with fizzy staff, making this a joyful occasion to cherish. It's a highlight of the year, celebrating the sense of family that binds us all.

Farewell to Mr. Graham

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that we announce that our sports coach, Mr. Graham, will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mr. Graham has been an integral part of St Mary's, inspiring our children to achieve their best in sports and PE. His energy, enthusiasm, and commitment have made a lasting impact on both our school and our children. Whether on the playground, in the hall, or cheering from the sidelines, Mr. Graham's passion for sport and teamwork has shone through in everything he has done.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Graham for all he has contributed to St Mary's and wish him the very best in his next chapter. You will be greatly missed, but the positive legacy you leave behind will continue to resonate throughout our school community.

Good luck, Mr. Graham, and thank you for everything!



Christmas Service

As we conclude the term, we will come together for our traditional Christmas service in the school hall. This reflective gathering is a beautiful way to pause and celebrate the journey we've shared this term. It's a moment to count our blessings, honour our accomplishments, and embrace the true meaning of the season.

Thank You for Your Support

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Christmas performances. The talent and enthusiasm of our children shone brightly, and your support as families made the experience all the more special.



A heartfelt thank you also goes out to everyone who supported our Sudan baby appeal. Your generosity is a beautiful example of the kindness we aim to nurture in our children. Together, we've made a difference, and that is something to celebrate.

Celebrating Joan Beard

This term, we bid a fond farewell to Joan Beard, who has dedicated an incredible 20 years as a Governor at St Mary's. Her wisdom, commitment, and unwavering support have been instrumental in shaping our school. Joan, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts and wish you every happiness in the future.

A Few Reminders

As we approach the holidays, please ensure any outstanding dinner money is settled by Thursday. Your cooperation is always appreciated and helps keep everything running smoothly. On **Tuesday, 7th January 2025**, we will welcome everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of growth, learning, and discovery.

Wishing You a Joyful Christmas

To our incredible children, staff, parents, and wider community: thank you for everything you do to make St Mary's such a remarkable place. Your kindness, dedication, and spirit have been the foundation of our success this term.

May your Christmas be filled with laughter, love, and the warmth of cherished moments with

your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year, ready to create even more wonderful memories together.



Loving Father,

As we gather in the warmth of this holy season, we give thanks for the gift of family and the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, born to bring hope and salvation to the world.

Bless the parents who guide their children with love and faith. Strengthen them in their role as shepherds of young hearts, and grant them patience, wisdom, and joy in the precious moments they share.

Bless the children who fill our lives with wonder and remind us of the simplicity and purity of Your love. May their hearts be open to the message of the Nativity, and may they grow in kindness, compassion, and faith.

May our homes be filled with the peace of Christ, our words spoken with love, and our actions rooted in generosity and understanding. Help us to recognize Your presence in the laughter, the tears, and the quiet moments we share as a family.

Lord, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we be inspired by His humility and love. Help us to carry the light of the Christmas season into the new year, serving one another with joy and living as a reflection of Your boundless grace.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.