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Dear Families,

**As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may His light illuminate your path and His peace fill your heart. Wishing you a Christmas filled with heavenly blessings.**

As you already know we finish for the Christmas break tomorrow at 3.20 with dance club running as normal and after school provision ending at 4.15.

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

All of the children have received or will receive a Christmas gift from school. This is a book we have purchased for every child and we hope you enjoy sharing this over the holidays.

Our performances this year have been extremely well attended as was the Christmas craft morning yesterday. Thank you all who took the time to attend and I hope you can cherish the memories and the items made for years to come. We do still have some DVD's available of the Nativity at the office.

Mrs Parker will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Langley has returned to school and will teach red class supported by Mrs Grant and Mrs Bradley until February when Mrs Eeckelaers returns to teach the class alongside Mrs Langley on a job share basis.

As a special treat, we have booked a Pantomime, 'Cinderella' to visit St Marys on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. To subsidise the cost, we are asking each child to contribute £2. This was a wonderful enjoyable experience last year that we are really looking forward to. There will be no celebration assembly on this day.

As you know St Mary's was inspected by Ofsted on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November. I have received the draft report and hope to be able to share the inspection findings with you in the New Year.

Year 1 achieved 100% attendance on the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December. As a special reward, the children can wear their own clothes tomorrow, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the families who support us with an ongoing commitment to attendance and punctuality, we really do appreciate it.

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**Save the date:**

Parent consultations, remote option Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and our late 'face to face' evening will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please note, individual class variations may apply.

Our next parent's morning (when parents are warmly welcomed into school) will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10 am. I have tried to vary the day in response to parental requests and will endeavour to do so with subsequent sessions. This has been challenging due to external PE providers and will be in place of celebration assembly on this occasion.

School reopens on Monday 6th January at 8.40 and I look forward to welcoming you all back then.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz

**May God bless this Christmas and always. May you be comforted by His presence in your life, and always follow His guiding light. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come.**