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Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to you all following the half term break. We hope you had a wonderful time and enjoyed some special family moments.

Thank you to the many families who donated Harvest produce. This was taken to the local charity 'Re;dish' and they were overjoyed and indeed overwhelmed by the sheer amount of food donated. This will be put to very good use and showed tremendous generosity.

James 5:7-8: "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."

On Monday 10th November the children are invited to wear 'Odd Socks' along with their uniform or PE kit should they wish. Odd Socks Day is an annual event held on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about bullying. To participate, people wear odd socks to show that it's okay to be different and to promote acceptance. A donation is **not** required for this event and participation is optional.

An exciting date in addition to my previous letter is, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Friday 12th December. If you wish your child to have this lunch (and they are not normally on school lunches) please book this via School Money. You can do this in the usual way for the 12th December. The cut off for this will be Monday 1st December. This is a wonderful event here at St Mary's where the staff and children all enjoy their Christmas lunch together.

Please check our website as I have updated it with key dates here at St Mary's. One such date is whole school photo day on Tuesday 18th November. Please ensure the children come to school in full uniform ensuring they look their very best.

We also have our Multi Faith celebration assembly tomorrow where each class from years 1-6 will share what they have learnt about other faiths and religions during our first multi faith week of this academic year. The aim is to strengthen good interfaith relations, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities, and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. You are warmly welcomed to join us for this at 9am in the school hall.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending the annual CAN summit at the newly opened Stockroom, a creative and cultural centre in Merseyway Stockport, with two of our Year 6 Eco councillors.

One of the aims was to shine a spotlight on great initiatives happening across the borough that link to climate change, and they think that our School Street is a great example. The aim of the School Streets scheme is to help create a pleasant, child-friendly environment, whilst ensuring residents, local businesses and blue badge holders can still maintain access to the street. As well as improving the air children breathe, it also aims to reduce traffic and parking pressures outside schools during term time, whilst encouraging more sustainable and active forms of travel to schools. Thank you all for your support with this.

Our Christian Value this half term is, 'Hope' and this will be central to our collective and in class worship.

Psalm 25:5: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Finally, we have Poppies to sell for Remembrance Day. These are available from the school office both before and after school.

Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. It represents all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day. It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

If you have any questions or concerns raised about anything in this letter please come and speak to me or your child's class teacher.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz