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Dear Families,

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house, in the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **Matthew 5:14-16**

Advent and the celebration of the birth of Jesus is fast approaching. I hope you are all keeping well with the darker mornings and shorter days. It has been a bitterly cold few days but our incredible children ensure the light of Jesus burns brightly inside St Mary's.

Plans are well underway for our Christmas performances. Information will be sent out shortly regarding tickets for the school nativity on Wednesday 3rd December (Reception – Year 2), these numbers are limited due to hall space however, each family will have an allocation for both performances at 9.30am and 5pm. As introduced last year there will be a small charge for tickets.

As I have previously mentioned we will be having 2 class led worship per academic year. These start at 9am in the school hall. The second of these will be held in the summer term:

Year 6 - Friday 16th January
Year 5 – Friday 23rd January
Year 4 – Friday 30th January
Year 3 – Friday 6th February
Year 2 - Friday 6th March
Year 1 - Friday 13th March
Reception – Friday 20th March

I am so excited and grateful about our first Christmas Fair, due to take place here at St Mary's on Saturday 6th December 11am – 1pm. We very much hope that you can join us and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA for organising this. If parents have any donations for the raffle, or items for the cake sale these would be very gratefully received.

Next Friday 28th November, we will be inviting the children to come in 'non-uniform' and bring an item for the Christmas Fair. We are asking Reception - Year 2 to bring chocolate items and Years 3 - 6 to bring a bottle, from 'fizz' to bubble bath. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are making a number of essential and long overdue changes to our systems at St Mary's. All payments for clubs, wraparound care and lunches will need to be made in advance via SchoolMoney, a software-based payment system designed to help schools modernise and streamline financial and administrative processes. More information will follow regarding this, however, please be advised from January all bookings and payments must be made in this way.

I have updated the calendar on the school website so please check this for key dates for the remainder of this term. Years 3 - 6 alongside the St Mary's choir are performing our Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm, tickets are not required for this.

Christmas dinner and jumper day is Friday 12th December and please remember to order dinner by the 1st December and pay for this on SchoolMoney.

Families are welcomed into school for our 'Christmas Craft morning' on Tuesday 16th December at 9-10am. We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December at 3.20pm. Usual clubs will still run on this date.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz