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Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to school to you all. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The children have loved sharing all of their news and have returned to school looking very smart and representing St Mary's so wonderfully. Please note only black footwear should be worn for school.

You will have seen the exciting, new developments to our playground that hopefully the children will be able to use next week when the safety flooring has been finished. This will form a key part in developing our lunchtimes to ensure they are a valuable and enjoyable experience for our children.

As you all well know we are a, 'School Street' and are incredibly proud of this status with only a small number of schools having this in place. However, there are a number of cars using Bromfield Drive, before the road closure is in place. Sadly, we have had further complaints from residents and Council parking enforcement are monitoring this. We are relaunching our 'Travel Tracker' to raise the profile of travelling to school sustainably.

At the end of the Autumn term 60 children were presented with a certificate for achieving 100% attendance. A huge thank you to all the families who support us with a commitment to positive attendance and punctuality. Children should be in school at the latest for 8.50am as the children complete a number of essential activities before their daily worship.

As a special treat, I booked not one, but two, Pantomimes this half term. The children had a tremendous time this morning watching 'Snow White' and are looking forward to 'Cinderella: Lost in Space' on Tuesday 20th January. To subsidise the cost, we are asking each child to contribute £3, payable on school money (on the app under the 'shop' tab). Thank you to the families who have already paid, payment can still be made on SchoolMoney to enable us to make further bookings in the future.

Our new Family Support Worker, Beth Jowett, will be available for a 'drop in' on Tuesday 27th January in the afternoon should you wish to discuss any concerns or request support with any aspect of family life. Please let me know if you would like to make an appointment.

From Wednesday 14th January, Mrs Anstey our year 6 teacher and SENDCo will be taking medical leave for approximately 6–8 weeks in order to undergo spinal surgery. We wish Mrs Anstey all the very best and a speedy recovery. Direct any queries to the admin email, as is the case for all school communication.

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Please remember all wrap around care, must be booked and payment made, in advance on SchoolMoney. The bookings for the following day ends at midnight. We cannot guarantee any care if this is not done in advance. This change is an essential part of improvements to our current financial systems and will ensure systems are more robust and time efficient.

The staff have again updated information on the school website and the curriculum maps are also there detailing our curriculum content throughout the school, as well as the current and previous newsletters. If you have any questions about anything mentioned in this letter please speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Save the dates:

Parent consultations, Tuesday 10th February 3.30 until 6pm.

Our next parent's morning (when parents are warmly welcomed into school) will be Friday 13th February, 9-10 am, the focus is 'The Big Draw.' There will be no celebration assembly on this date.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz