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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week at St Mary's has seen the 'Big Draw'. The children have been busy exploring their senses through their art work. This will be collated into a whole school display!

Thank you to the children who took part in our voluntary creative homework task over half term. There were some wonderful efforts that I greatly enjoyed sharing with the children.

Our online calendar is now 'live' on the school website. One date in addition to my previous letter is, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Thursday 14th December. Mrs Beer will be in touch regarding booking this if your child usually has a packed lunch. This is a wonderful event here at St Mary's where the staff and children all enjoy their Christmas lunch together.

As you know, attendance is extremely important and high profile at St Mary's. If your child is not in school it is imperative that you let us know the reason why. We have the message facility on the school answer phone if this is more convenient. We work closely with the Stockport education welfare team to support the small number of families with attendance concerns. Like last year banded letters will be sent out over the next few weeks updating you on your child's current attendance percentage. I will be following this up by inviting families to a supportive meeting who are at persistent absence level (below 90%).

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

You may have seen in the media, guidance from Gillian Keegan regarding schools sharing the content of their SRE lessons. This is on our school website (under PSHE) and SRE is carried out in the summer term. I will be undertaking out a parental consultation before this to answer any questions parents may have.

Finally, I have booked the whole school Christmas pantomime on Friday 8th December. This will again be offered at no cost to the children, as a recognition of the incredible hard work and outstanding children we have at St Mary's.

If you have any questions or concerns raised about anything in this letter please come and speak to me.

Have a wonderful weekend, with the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz
Headteacher