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Dear Families,

We are well into the term now, and it has been an absolute joy to see our children settling in so brilliantly, smiling, and achieving great things every single day! As Philippians 4:8 encourages us: *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."* We have so much excellence and hard work to celebrate across our school community!

To ensure all our children and families stay safe during the busy drop-off and pick-up times, please remember that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school grounds. We kindly ask that everyone dismounts and walks them safely through the gates.

Our children are doing a fantastic job living out our core values every day: Ready, Respectful, and Safe. Thank you so much for your warm, ongoing support in reinforcing these principles at home—it creates a wonderful environment where every child can thrive.

St Mary's on National TV! You may have already spotted us, but we are bursting with pride to share that during the holidays, a filming crew visited our grounds! Our brilliant school features in a brand-new national advert! If you haven't seen it yet, you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/9yjomCWxHRk?si=HhkY8pFLiWlquCII>

PE & Uniform reminders to keep all our energetic active sessions completely safe:

- In line with Local Authority (LA) guidance, earrings are strictly not permitted during PE lessons. Taping over earrings is not allowed, so please ensure your child can safely remove their own earrings or leave them at home on PE days.
- On non-PE days, small, plain studs are permitted for school.

As many of you know, the local council is proposing street improvements around our community to restrict traffic and make sustainable travel easier and safer for everyone. A heartfelt thank you to all the families who join us in this commitment by walking, scooting, or cycling where possible!

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our Harvest Service led by Rev. Amy on Wednesday 14th October here at school. Children from Years 1 to 6 will be sharing a small contribution during the service. You are warmly welcome to join us in celebrating! We will also be asking for donations of non-perishable food items to support those in need in our local community—further details on donations will follow very soon. As 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us: *"God loves a cheerful giver,"* and we look forward to coming together to support those around us.

We would love for you to join us for our Reading and Phonics Parent Morning on Thursday 22nd October from 9:00am to 10:00am. This will take place in your child's classroom, giving you a wonderful opportunity to see how reading and phonics are taught and enjoyed in school. You are all very welcome to attend!

Key Dates

- Harvest Service: Wednesday 14th October 9am
- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 20th October 3.30 – 6pm
- Reading & Phonics Parent Morning: Thursday 22nd October (9:00am – 10:00am)

Thank you so much for your warmth, partnership, and continued support in making St Mary's such a bright and inspiring place to learn.

With the Warmest regards,

Mrs Faryniarz