



*Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus*

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School    St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this newsletter, I look back on so many brilliant things that have happened this half-term!

This week

First of all, can I say a big thank you to you all for managing the exciting and challenging weather conditions this week! It is always a difficult decision about what to do when we have snow but thank you so much for your co-operation as things have changed day on day.

This half-term

Some of the things we have enjoyed this term have been:

- All Saints Day and wearing team colours,
- Remembrance Day
- Parents Evening
- A visit from the NSPCC
- Anti-bullying week
- Y5's trip to the National Space Centre
- Football fixtures
- Choirs at the Priory church, Morrison's and a local care home
- Nativity plays
- Mass at school and church
- A Christmas Fair
- Pre-school pantomime
- Snow activities

Nativity plays

It was really lovely to see Nativity plays back again after a few years' absence. The children performed brilliantly in all acting roles and the singing was very impressive. Thank you to all parents and carers for coming to support the children by watching them and cheering them on. Thank you also to the staff for all the hard work they put in to preparing the children.

Community carols

It was a privilege to be involved in community carols as well and feel so proud of the behaviour of all the children as they sang praises to God like the angels did so many years ago at the birth of Jesus.

Payments

Please could we remind all parents and carers to pay **in advance** for their school dinners and clubs. If you book on the day, please make the payment that day as well. Due to the way our finances are set up, we are not allowed to have balances outstanding. Also, places are limited in clubs so we would urge you not to book and cancel places last minute. You can pay on ParentMail. If you need any help with this, please come to the school office.



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### Punctuality

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to bring their children to school punctually. School doors open at 8.45am and lessons start promptly at 9.00am so these 15 minutes allow children to settle and be prepared for the day. If they arrive after 9am, they will be marked as late.

### Next term

We look forward to seeing all the children again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please note, the 3<sup>rd</sup> January is a staff training day.

### Happy Christmas!

As we reach the end of the term, I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

*'But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." '*  
*Luke 2 v 10-12*

God bless,

Mrs Waldram



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