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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

This week has seen the Year 3 children mark an important mile stone in their development as Catholic's by making their first confession. This really marks the start of their preparation for First Holy Communion in the summer. Also this week was the 'Festival of Voices' but more on that later! Last week was amazingly busy in terms of sporting events for the children as well as the younger children going off to visit Santa!

Next week is dominated by performances. From Key Stage 1's dress rehearsal on Monday to Key Stage 2's 'Make-a-play-in-a-day' there is something dramatic every day of the week!

### Our word of the week is...

#### Preparation

Thank you, Jesus.

My friend! My brother!

Help me know you more clearly.

Help me love you more dearly.

Help me follow you more nearly.

Amen.

(Adapted from St Richard of Chichester)

### Snowy thoughts

As the weather gets colder once more can I remind everyone that in event of a closure due to snow I will send a message as text and email but you can also check on the council website.

### Make a play in a day

Key Stage 2 children will be working together to bring Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' to life in a day next Friday.

## **Year 1 Parents' evening**

I am conscious that Year 1 parents did not get the same opportunity to talk to their child's teacher as other year groups therefore Miss Critchley will be available on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to see parents. A time board will be out from next week as for our whole school Parent's Evening.

## **Festival of Voices**

Congratulations to all who represented St Mary's at the 'Festival of Voices'. The children set a wonderful example for the other children present and they can be extremely proud of their achievements. Kevin Stannard, musical director, commented that the St Mary's choir's performance of "Hallelujah" was "absolutely beautiful" - high praise indeed from a choir master who has conducted choirs throughout the UK and in numerous international venues. Thank you to Mrs. Thackham and Mrs. Beaumont for helping prepare them.

## **Christmas jumper day**

As Friday 14<sup>th</sup> will be our 'Make- a- play' day we will be linking our Christmas jumper day to Christmas dinner day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Key Stage 2 Christmas performance- Tuesday 18th**

Children are invited to wear sparkly/ party clothes for their performances. All costumes should be brought into school in a labelled carrier bag.

## **Dates for your diary**

Do keep an eye on our website calendar for term dates etc. Looking ahead can I flag up our next school Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December and ask as many as possible to make the effort to attend church this advent. My own parish is currently without a priest and I feel that St Mary's is extremely lucky to have a priest of Father Peter's calibre- let's all go to church this Sunday and make the most of him!

Kind regards,

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