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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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the children in Nursery and Reception who performed their lovely nativity so well last Tuesday. They looked absolutely wonderful in their costumes and were the epitome of seriousness as they delivered their lines so beautifully.

Well done too to the children in Key Stage 2 who read and sang with so much joy and excitement in church on Tuesday.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas and safe- drone free!- journeys for those who are going away.

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

### A Journey with Mary and Joseph

In my heart, Mary and Joseph, I will journey with you and others for "Las Posadas."

Carrying lanterns, we sing joyfully and walk along with brave Joseph.

He leads poor, tired Mary on her little donkey.

From house to house we go, asking to come in, to find a quiet place for the young mother who  
is about to give birth.

"We have no room. There's no room for you!"

On and on, we travel in hope, following an angel.

Finally, on the ninth night, on December 24, we find shelter for the holy pilgrims.

Your holy child is born in a borrowed stable.

We will feast and sing and rejoice.

The long, hard journey has ended.

This new born child shall bring us so much joy.

## Confirmation dates for Year 6.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January our school Mass is the dedication Mass for those children who wish to be confirmed. They have been preparing in school since they went to Harvington Hall and assisted so beautifully in leading our choice of female House Saints. More recently they visited St Chad's cathedral and shared a Mass there. The Confirmation itself is booked for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

## Coming soon...Reading Bingo!

I hope all the children keep their reading muscles honed over Christmas as when we start the new term the pupils will be playing Reading Bingo with the chance to win some prizes.



## Times Tables Rock Stars

Thank you to all who have encouraged their children to take part in *Times Tables Rock Stars* (TTRS). Currently the TTRS Statistics Dashboard shows us as the top school in the area with a mean speed of 3.15 secs per question. Go St Mary's!

## Dates for your diary

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Merry Christmas everyone!

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