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Dear Parent

End of Term Christmas Mass

Please join us for our Christmas Mass tomorrow at 9:30am in the church. All welcome - a great way to begin the holidays.

Thank You...

..For all the support you have given us and your children in the run up to Christmas. The children have all been exemplary in the way they have conducted themselves in the various seasonal activities in which they have participated. From the youngest to the oldest their confidence and presentation have been superb. We are so proud of them all!

DVDs/Photos - if you have received, but not yet paid, for your DVD or photographs please send in the money **tomorrow morning** before we break up. This money is included in our total for our Advent charities (see below). Thank you.

Goodbye

Miss Sylvester leaves us tomorrow to begin her new role in another school in January. We wish her all the very best as she begins this new phase in her life. Our love and thanks go with her and a reminder that she will always be a part of St Mary's extended family.

School Dinners

The school is currently running a large debt due to lack of payment from some parents. Obviously this cannot continue and those parents who owe money, some of it historical, will need to pay it before the end of term if they want their child to continue with school meals.

[From January, all meals will need to be paid for in advance or the meals cannot be provided.](#)

Next Half Term the School dinners will cost £64.50 - cheques should be made payable to BCC. Thank you.

Inclement Weather

Please be reminded that we shall keep you updated about any possible school closures over the coming months via our school website, our Twitter feed and via the radio (although this is not always as up to date as the website will be).

Advent Charities

We have collected a total of £1050 from the DVDs, photos and collections. Thank you so much for your generosity, especially at this time of year. Our causes, The British Heart Foundation and St Chad's Sanctuary will each receive a donation. Thank you!

End of Term

We break up on Wednesday 21st December at 3:30pm. PLEASE collect your children in a timely fashion so that our very tired staff can take their leave and begin their own preparations for Christmas with their families. Thank you for your support.

We return to school on MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017 at 8:45am.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all our wonderful staff and governors, to wish you the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas. Enjoy your families, your celebrations and the sacredness of this holy season.

As we approach a New Year let us reflect on what it is that will make life more peaceful and hopeful for all those with whom we live.

A New Year Prayer for us and our turbulent world:

MAY HE BANISH FROM THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHATEVER MIGHT ENDANGER PEACE.

MAY HE TRANSFORM THEM INTO WITNESSES OF TRUTH, JUSTICE AND LOVE.

MAY ALL PEOPLES OF THE EARTH BECOME AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND MAY THE MOST LONGED-FOR PEACE BLOSSOM FORTH AND REIGN ALWAYS AMONG MEN AND WOMEN.

Pope John XXIII

God bless, keep safe and Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher