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Dear Parents,

Wishing you, your families and all you love a very happy, healthy and secure 2017. May each of us be blessed with God's goodness and love.

On behalf of all staff, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the immense generosity you bestowed on us all at the end of term. Your thoughtfulness and care is deeply appreciated.

Opening Mass 2017

We begin our term with the celebration of Mass as a whole school on Friday at 9:30 in the church. Please join us to share in this most important start to our year - all are most welcome.

Welcome...

Mrs Tracy Vincent who is our new Strategic Business Manager and will work alongside Mrs Shepherd in the school office.

Miss Nicholson, who will be teaching with us for the next two terms, in our Y3 class.

We wish them both well as they embark upon the next chapters of their careers with us.

Christmas Nativity DVDs...

Some parents who ordered a DVD of the KS1 Nativity may have experienced problems playing it on their DVD player. For those experiencing this difficulty the disc should be able to be viewed on a laptop. If anyone still cannot view the film using this method could they please send a note in with their child FAO Mr Sheehan and a replacement disc will be provided at no extra cost. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Lateness

If your child is going to be late for school for any reason i.e. medical appointments or through bad time keeping it is imperative that you come to the school to sign your child in onto our new electronic entrance system. Access to school cannot be gained any other way once the gates have been locked. Obviously, in terms of poor time keeping it is important to ensure that you are teaching your child the importance of good punctuality – and get them to school on time. Thank you

Y2 Meeting for Parents re: End of Year Statutory Assessments

REMINDER – if you have not yet returned your slip to confirm attendance please do so this week. The meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 6pm. This is an important meeting and will help you to understand the much higher expectations that the Government has laid down for children of 7 years of age – and which schools have to adhere to. The aim of our meeting is to help you to support your child at this time.

Thought for a New Year

*Every moment is a moment of decision,
and every moment turns us inexorably in the direction
of the rest of our lives.*



Inclement Weather

Please keep an eye on our school website for updates regarding **whether the weather** (what sort of words are these children?) will require us to close. The forecast has been rather worrying but let us wait and see what happens in reality!

E-Safety tip of the week - *If you ever see anything online that worries you, tell a trusted adult or report it via CEOP – the link for this is always found on our school website.*

School Dinners 2017

Thank you to those parents who responded so positively to our previous request to pay off outstanding hot meals' payments up to 6th December- this has reduced the overall debt owed to St Mary's significantly.

However, some debts were not cleared and we will contact those parents very soon as the burden of this debt cannot continue to be carried by the School.

Yours sincerely,

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