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Dear Parents/Carers

'And God said "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."
Luke 1:46

Parent as a Good Samaritan

One of our parents played the part of the Good Samaritan yesterday when school finished. An elderly lady by the name of Gloria came into school this morning to say a parent from this school gave her a lift to Stamford Road to save her from getting wet in the rain. She can't remember the parent's name but knows she has a little boy in school and she drives a white car. Unfortunately, the lady left her umbrella and phone in the car. If you are this kind parent could you please have a look in your car and if the items are there could you please bring them to the office so we can return them to Gloria. Thank you for your help.

Dates for your diary

DATE	TIME	Event
10 December 2105	2:00pm	Nativity
13 December	4:00pm	Christingle Service. Choir singing at St Mary's Church
14 December 2015	6:00pm	Christmas Carol Concert
15 December 2015	1:30pm	KS1 Christmas Party
16 December 2015	1:30pm	KS2 Christmas Party
18 December 2015	11:00am	Church Service

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 7 December 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Amaia Nursery For working really hard in producing a card for Christmas	Saira RW For working hard to do her addition sentences and knowing the symbols	Kanveer RB For learning her lines for the Nativity and speaking clearly
Elizabeth 1L For working hard to improve her reading and writing	Hannah 1S For making progress to form her sentences correctly	Yuvnish 2C For extra effort and progress in all areas
Ruth 2N For extending her writing in all subject areas	Kyra 3J For super effort and working hard to extend her writing in all areas	Deniesha 3/4S For producing excellent work in all areas
Akash 4B For making progress from the start of the year	Zuhairaa 5S For excellent improvement in being focussed in all lessons	Chloe 5/6W For her excellent progress in her Maths work
	Nshae 6B For working hard in all areas	

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 7 December 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

KS1	KS2
Niamh For helping other children do their coats up	Melissa For showing her compassionate and caring nature when people need cheering up

Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	1L
Spick and Span	2N
Movement Bird	5/6W
Gymnastic Monkey	1L
Attendance	4B
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to 2C Runner Up 2N

Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Term Dates

End of Term	Children break up on Friday 18 December 2015 and return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2016
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE NLE
Executive Head Teacher

Message from Mrs Bains and St. Mary's School Council



Christmas Food Bank

Last year at Christmas time the food and drink that everyone donated helped people in need. We are really enjoying helping our local Food Bank in Hockley and would like to do another one for Christmas again. Starting from Monday 7th Dec please bring in a donation of food, drink or any Christmas items (food or presents) as the theme is CHRISTMAS!



Christmas Jumper Day

You may have heard about the ITV Text Santa to raise money for the above 3 charities: Macmillan Cancer support and Make a Wish and Save the children. As you know the School Council are actively involved in raising money for charities but also having fun at the same time! We raised **£425.41p** for Children In Need on the 25th September thanks to all of you!

For this fund raising event (ITV Text Santa) we are giving you enough time to get your Christmas Jumpers ready to wear on **Thursday 17th December** for a donation of £1 or more! You could even revamp an old jumper and make a Christmas jumper! For more ideas you can go on ITV Text Santa and download information on how to do this!

Young People's Parliament (YPP)

We are off on our second YPP meeting on Thursday 10th December. This time we are going to the Council Chamber Victoria Square. At this meeting we will be discussing issues linked to the **environment and global warming!** Please discuss these important issues at home. Remember that these affect ALL of us. Please write down any points or ideas you would like us to talk about at our meeting as the local councillors will be there as well! Please hand in ideas to the class teacher.