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Dear Children and Families,

In order to show our appreciation to everyone that gives up their time to make a difference to the educational experiences of our children at St Mary's, please see our thank you page.

So many people contribute in so many ways and we apologise if we have forgotten to mention anybody in person.

Our Carol Service and Christmas Performances were all lovely this past week, I am sure you enjoyed them. Your kind donations at the Navity raised over £320 for our library and Cancer Research.

Thank you to all involved in organising and attending the Christmas Fayre. A special thank you to some of our Year 6 girls who raised £138 to be split equally between the RSPCA and Cancer Research.

We have just completed our termly attendance monitoring. Whilst we appreciate that it has been a very difficult time with a lot of genuine illnesses going around, we are still required by law to follow the attendance process. Hence many families will receive letters outlining a period of monitoring. Please remember to send in a letter explaining why your child has been off upon their return to school.



I would also like to thank all the people involved in making Our Service of Remembrance so special and thought provoking. The poppies have been admired by many visitors to the school.



Diary Dates:

December

Friday 21st December – LAST DAY OF TERM (please note school always finishes at normal time 3.25 p.m.)

Christmas Holiday - Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January

January 2019

Monday 7th January - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 8th January - Back to School

Unfortunately we have had quite a few children wearing incorrect school uniform here is a reminder about our school uniform policy upon your child's return in the New Year.

Girls	Boys	PE kit – all children
• Grey coloured trousers, skirt or pinafore dress • Summer dress (in appropriate weather) • T-shirt – pale blue and with school logo • School colour blue jumper or cardigan with school logo • School fleece with school logo • Socks – grey or white • Tights – grey • Black school shoes. NO BOOTS. Boots should be changed for shoes before school starts.	• Grey trousers or shorts • T-shirt – pale blue and with school logo • School colour blue jumper with school logo • School fleece with school logo • Socks – grey • Black school shoes. NO BOOTS. Boots should be changed for shoes before school starts.	• Royal blue shorts/skort • White t-shirt with school logo • Trainers (for outside) • Jogging bottoms (plain blue or black) • Sweatshirt/Hoodie (plain without excessive logos) All PE kits should be named and in school at all times.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's uniform. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Jewellery & Hair Accessories

Children should not wear jewellery to school, this includes tattoos and nail varnish. An exception will be made for pierced ears (for safety reasons, only small silver or gold studs may be worn) or if the jewellery is of religious or medical significance. Please see your child's class teacher if this is the case.

Children with long hair should wear it tied or clipped back for school. Hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours. **For example, hair bands or hair ties should be plain blue and not overly decorative. No tramlines or hair patterns are to be worn cut into the hair.**

ClassDojo

Class dojo continues to be a big success with lots of positive feedback from parents and carers about the way it is used to communicate about the children's learning. Please can we remind people that as a school we use Class Dojo to share the class learning or to send home messages and although the app has other features we currently don't use them. Please do not use Dojo to message teachers as they are unlikely to access that area so they will not reply. Please use the usual communication channels if you need to get a message to a class teacher.



Shooting Stars Nursery

Nursery would like to thank:

Mrs Whitfield for bringing her beautiful babies into nursery.

Mr Tucker for coming in and talking about his life in the navy and showing us how to march.

Mrs Dudman, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Larking for their kind donations.

Mrs Scott for her help preparing, slicing and cutting activities for us.

Toddler group for their weekly snack donations.

Reception (Pluto)

Pluto class would like to thank Miss Ings, Mrs Case, Mrs Leahy, Mr Budd and Flynn for joining us on our autumn walk. Thank you to Carol Scott for all of the amazing support she gives Pluto class.

Pluto class would also like to say thank you to Waitrose Gillingham for providing all of the oranges and cocktail sticks for us to make Christingles with our Big Buddies.

Year 1 (Jupiter)

Thank you to Mrs Easby for the beautiful advent wreath and Christmas tree from Waitrose.

Thank you to the parents who helped for walking to Pets at Home.

Year 3 (Mars)

Thank you to

Mrs Ward, Mrs Young and Mrs Johnson for walking to the church.

**A big thank
you to all the
helpers of
Friends of St
Mary's
(FSMS).**

**Thank you to
all our
Clergy & the
Open the
Book Team.**

***Thank you all to our
St Mary's Governors.***

Thank you to our amazing Carol Scott who volunteers to keep our School Library going and also for Mrs Davidson for all her recent help in the Library. Thank you also to Madame Day for teaching French.