



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week in school and the children are really entering into the spirit of preparation in Advent.

#### **Globe Theatre**

On Wednesday the children of Year 6 visited Shakespeare's Globe on Bankside. They had an excellent visit - in spite of rail strikes - and learned a lot more about Shakespeare and his theatre.

#### **Christmas Carols at the Whitgift Centre**

On Wednesday I accompanied some Year 5 children to sing in the Whitgift Centre. The school is very proud of all the children that take part in community events like this.

#### **Christmas Fair**

At the time of writing, the preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fair. I am sure that it will be a great success.

#### **Disco time**

Miss Goodman has been selling tickets this week for the forthcoming discos. On Monday evening from 6pm to 8pm we welcome the children of Year 3 and 4, and on Tuesday it will be the turn of Year 5 and 6. Some important reminders: firstly, children must not stay behind at the end of school, as there will be nobody on site to supervise them. We do request that children are collected promptly at 8pm - on previous occasions late collected children have not been invited to the next disco.

We hope all the children have a wonderful evening. Please do not send them with more than £2 pocket money, as there is a limit to how much they can and should eat. Small snacks and drinks will be available.

#### **Year 6 – Secondary School Entrance Tests**

We would like to thank many of the year 6 parents for their co-operation today (and in advance for Monday) in bringing the children back to school after their tests, or bringing the children to school in the morning before the tests. It is this dedication that really helps to improve our attendance figures. Thank you.

#### **Christmas Cards**

From Monday, children may bring Christmas Cards in for their classmates.

#### **Cycle Pods**

Many of you will have seen the new cycle pods that were installed yesterday. We thank the Junior Travel Ambassadors and Ms Ashanti for working so hard on this project. We ask that parents of younger children do not allow them to climb on them.

#### **Toilets**

We respectfully ask parents to make sure that younger children go to the toilet before leaving school at the end of the day. We have had a steady stream of younger children needing to use the toilets in the Junior School, and because the facilities are for adults they are really inadequate for them.

Congratulations to the children of 3K, who I understand presented a beautiful assembly yesterday. Next week (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December) will be the turn of Class 6C at 10.30am. This will be the final class assembly of the term.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Olesia in 3B, All of Class 3K, Noble in 4C, Philip-Rich in 4D, Cristiano in 5L, Marcelina in 5V, Jose in 6C, and Chidi and Joshua in 6O. The Musician of the week is Kelvine in 6C. The Swimmer of the week is Awunterim in 3B. The Headteacher's award goes to Justin in 6C. The playground award goes to Marcelina in 5V.

Best wishes,  
A.J. McDonald  
Acting Head of School