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Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break! We were very lucky with the weather! This is the half-term of tinsel and glitter! The first term is always a long one and the children do pick up colds and sickness bugs. Please can I remind all families that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea that we have a 48 hour policy where children cannot come to the school for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Mrs Crocker

Many congratulations to Miss Gabler who surprised us all by getting married to Ollie during half-term. We are all absolutely thrilled for Helen and Ollie and wish them both many years of happy times together.

Mrs Moore

A big welcome to Mrs Moore who started as Class Teacher in Class One on Monday. We are very pleased to have Mrs Moore at St George's and wish her much happiness and success.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that have responded to our one-way system and the need to stay in cars. It is clear that this speeds up the whole process. There are still occasions where Mr Davies and I have to remind some drivers and we will keep doing this. We really appreciate the supportive comments and the recognition that we want to keep everybody safe.

Litter Pick

I wrote in the last newsletter about a smashing email I received from Poppy Rowe's mum in Class Three. Poppy has really taken on board what Mrs Gavins has been teaching her about protecting the environment and is quite passionate about making a difference, which is fantastic.

Kate and Andy have offered to come in on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th November (not Wednesday 13th November which I put in the previous newsletter) to help with a litter pick up with Class Three for 30 minutes. If any parents and carers are free at this time we would appreciate the support. The children will be completing the litter pick up from 2:30pm - 3:00pm.

Cold Weather

The cold weather caught me by surprise on Monday! Can I ask that all children come to school wearing a suitable coat to ensure they are warm during breaktimes.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 16th November. We would like the children to come to school in non-uniform and bring money to spend on the fun stalls which will be organised by Class Four during break time.

Mufti Day

We are having non-uniform day on Friday 23rd November. We would like the children to bring in donations of bottles or chocolates for stalls at the Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Fayre

It is our school Christmas Fayre on Friday 30th November. The fayre will start at 2:30. Thank you to Mrs Brown offering to support with the running of the Fayre. Helen MacConnell and I will be in Clifton at the Chaplaincy Commissioning Service and hope to be back for the start of the Fayre. Please let Mrs Gordge know if you are able to support with the Fayre. We ask parents and carers to support with the running of stalls and the class that raises the most money will have a VIP afternoon before the end of term. A sign-up is in the reception area by the school office.

Christmas Nativity

KS1 will be performing their Nativity on the following dates:

Tuesday 11th December – Matinee Performance at 2pm for grandparents

Wednesday 12th December – 6pm

Thursday 13th December – 6pm.

School Christmas Dinner Day

The School Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 20th December. Please make sure order forms are completed in time as this is a very popular dinner. In addition, we would like the children to wear a Christmas Jumper on this day. We will be asking for donations of £1 and money raised will be donated to CAFOD.

Carol Service at St George's Church

The KS2 Carol Service will be at the church this year on Wednesday 19th December at 9:15am. Although it is a KS2 Carol Service, KS1 will be attending to enjoy the beautiful singing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

End of Term Mass

The end of term Mass will be at School on Friday 21st December at 9:30am. All parents, carers and members of the parish are welcome to attend.

Dates

The term ends on Friday 21st December and the Spring Term starts on Tuesday 8th January 2018.

Parking at Key Events

When parking on the school premises for the Christmas Fayre, Nativity, Mass etc can I please ask parents and carers to be kind in leaving a name and contact number on the dashboard of your car if you are blocking somebody in. This should make things a little easier when trying to identify who's car belongs to who.

Safeguarding

We are happy for photos or videos to be taken at our school events. We do ask that photos or videos are not put on any social media websites or sent by email to others.

What a busy few weeks we have ahead!

Best wishes,

Mark Braund