



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week.

Firstly we would all like to express our thanks for the support shown to St Mary's PTA for the Christmas Sparkle; it was a great success and we appreciate all your donations and the hard work carried out both behind the scenes and on the day.

It has been another week of enrichment and extra-curricular activity at St. Mary's. The children in Key Stage One and Foundation have been rehearsing their nativity celebrations and the results look set to be fantastic.

Mrs Wilson did a wonderful job with the choir helping to "raise the roof" at the Lighthouse last week for the annual Poole Schools' Music Association Christmas Concert, to the delight of the children's family and friends. Please also note the invitation to join us for Christmas Carols here at the school on the final day of term from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available and you are welcome to attend whether you have the voice of an angel, or as in my case, your singing would make angels fear to tread.

Although schools are always busy places, at this time of the term they are particularly frantic. So my thanks to all the staff who are juggling their schedules to accommodate the many demands placed on them.

While Key Stage One have been busy with their Christmas preparations, Key Stage Two have been preparing for their concerts and making the most of the other opportunities that have been offered to them. This week's highlight was the visit by representatives of A.F.C. Bournemouth to teach the children about the key value of "RESPECT" within the game of football. Of course, this value is also promoted through the Catholic life of the school at all times and is incorporated into the group of core values we hold as a learning community alongside Creativity, Love and Spirituality. Thank you again to A.F.C. Bournemouth for bringing this important message to life here at St. Mary's.

With just over two weeks of term left to go there are still many more extra-curricular events and activities to look forward to before we break up on Friday 15th December at 1:30 p.m. Next week's update, for example, will be written from the Y5 residential experience at Leeson House and there is still a cross country competition, coding week and all the usual clubs to look forward to.

I hope you will join us in making the most of these opportunities as we come together to enjoy and celebrate this special time of year.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Howard

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Deputy Head.