



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 in this final week of the Autumn term.

There is so much to report this week that it's hard to know where to begin. Foundation and Key Stage One really made the most of their time up on stage and it has been lovely to see the progress they have made from the first rehearsals to the final performances last week. They have made us all very proud and really deserved their Christmas Party day. I would like to thank all the staff who have gone above and beyond in order to coordinate these celebrations which help us come together as a school community at this special time of year.

Key Stage two have also been busy with cooking, drawing and swimming amongst many other activities that have been taking place in the last week. The children in Year Five will be particularly glad to be inside and enjoying the chance to sit down for a bit following their exertions at Leeson House. The amount of learning that was crammed into the time available really was amazing to witness...we ranged back and forth in time over the millennia discussing everything from dead dinosaurs to modern day slavery; a truly memorable learning experience and one that the whole year group will be using now they are back in class. Again-my thanks to all those staff who gave up time away from their own families in order that the trip could go ahead.

Finally this week, news from the school council who have asked me to write to you all with the following message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We, as members of the school council, would like to inform you that the house which won the most house points this term is PORTLAND! (Red House).

In order to reward their tremendous effort, the winning house will be allowed to wear non-school uniform in the New Year on Friday the 12th of January 2018.

The members of this house have worked extremely hard and we therefore would like this to be both noticed and rewarded.

If you are unsure of which house your child is in, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

School Council (Scribed by Shay).

An amazing group of children working independently to make a difference to the school-again we are very proud. Wishing you all a peaceful and holy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head.

