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Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas Celebrations

As we draw to the end of the term, I want to thank all the parents who attended various Christmas celebrations last week including the year 2 Christmas production, the Early Years Nativity and the KS2 Carol Concert. I continue to be amazed by the children's confidence and their determination to always do their best.

A special thank you to the parents of children in the KS2 Choir who also attended the St Francis Church Carol Concert on Sunday evening; the relationship between home, school and parish is an important one if we want our children to be rooted in their faith.

End of Term

The term finishes on **Tuesday 20th December at 2:00 pm**. It has been a marvelous start to the school year as the children continue to show their commitment to their faith, to learning and to others.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas. May your homes be filled with happiness, peace, laughter, joy and the love of Christ this Christmas season.

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen

We wish you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

The school re-opens for all pupils on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Mass

We will be celebrating our end of term Mass on **Tuesday 20th December at 9:30 am**; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Poppy Appeal

The school raised a grand total of **£189.93** for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which took place in November.



Newham London



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Advent Appeal Box

The school raised **£610.08** for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society fundraising appeal to support needy children and families.

School Gate

As you may have noticed, the gate at the entrance of the school on Bow Street currently does not close completely as it should. We are having the issue investigated in order to find a permanent solution. In the interim, there is a yellow sign on the gate that asks everyone to ensure that they close the gate behind them once they leave the site. **I ask that parents take note of the sign and ensure that the gate is closed when they are leaving the school premises.**

PE Sweatshirt

There is a new optional PE sweatshirt that is available at the uniform shop for £9.50. This can be used for outdoor PE or outdoor after school clubs during the colder seasons.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

