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Dear Parent/Carer,

Advent Prayer

On Sunday we lit the second candle of Advent; we are praying for Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

God of abundance, we come to you with open hands as we wait for the birth of your Son, Jesus. Guide us in your ways of love as we prepare our hearts for his coming. Help us to pay attention to the stirrings of your spirits, for you speak to us in quiet ways.

Remind us that we witness to your presence in ways we do not always see, and give us strength to respond positively to your people. As we minister in your name, help us to be mindful that the glory of your coming is reflected in us this Advent season.

We ask for the grace to forgive whoever may have harmed us so we may wait for Jesus' coming unfettered by the chains of our past hurts. Likewise, give us the grace to ask for forgiveness of those you have harmed so we may lay our burdens down as we ready ourselves for Christmas.

Along with the shepherds and wise men of old, we joyfully anticipate the birth of Jesus with quiet expectation and with wonder and excitement, and we pray that all will receive him in love and in peace.

All this we ask in the name of our Saviour, Jesus. Amen

End of Term

The term finishes on **Tuesday 19th December at 2:00 pm**. It has been a fantastic 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.

Communicating with Parents

From time to time we like to review how we communicate larger pieces of information to parents/carers. It is important that you know what is going on in your child's school so you can be prepared and get involved. As a result, we would like all parents to take part in a short survey to see what form of communication best suits your current needs. Please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P9FGW2S> by **Monday, 18th December 2017** to have your say.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Mass

We will celebrate our end of term Mass on **Tuesday 19th December at 9:30 am**; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Poppy Appeal

The school raised a grand total of £312.62 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which took place in November.

School Uniform

At St Francis' we are known for our "smart" uniform and the way that the children behave in public when representing the whole on visits. However, children grow very quickly and as I walk around the school I can see that many have started to outgrow their uniforms already! Please check your child's uniform over the holidays to make sure that it still fits and replenish any items that they have outgrown or lost.

Unfortunately, there are a number of children who are not consistently wearing the correct school uniform; all parts of the school uniform will be firmly reinforced at the start of the new term in January. I ask parents to support the school by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **3K on Friday, 12th January 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Christmas Events

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas. We look forward to celebrating with you, please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 9:30 - Year 2 nativity performance

Wednesday, 13th December 2017 - Christmas lunch (unfortunately parents are not able to attend)

Friday 15th December 2017 at 9:30 am - EYFS nativity performance

Friday 15th December 2017 at 6:00 pm - Carol Service at St. Francis Church

Monday 18th December 2017 - Christmas class party celebrations

Tuesday 19th December 2017 9:30 -End of term Mass at St Francis Church

Christmas Raffle

The letter regarding this year's Christmas raffle has been sent out to all classes; please support this fundraising event by purchasing one strip of tickets for one pound (£1). There are some fantastic prizes on offer!

N. Scott
Head Teacher

