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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the end of the school term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We have had a very busy and successful term and our celebration assembly yesterday was testament to how much all our children have achieved. We are very appreciative of all the kind words of thanks.

A special thank you for supporting the children in their nativity performances last week. These were a wonderful opportunity for children to share their talents in school, and the great turn out shows the fantastic support we have from our parents. I would like to thank all the KS1 and Foundation Stage staff for their hard work in producing these great performances which again shows what a fantastic team we have in school.

Our events team have been really busy this term and raised over £500 already! A huge thank you to all the events team and to all those who have supported and enjoyed the events.

After Christmas, Mrs Capper embarks upon a new role in a private setting. We thank Mrs Capper for her commitment to our school and her genuine care for our families over the past 7 years. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Capper all the best as she continues her journey.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mr Hodgson. Over the past year Mr Hodgson's leadership has ensured that the school has continued to improve. We thank him for his care, support and guidance and wish him all the best in his new role as Principal at St Peter's Catholic Academy. The directors of the Newman Catholic Collegiate continue to work with the school to ensure that the high standards of education are unaffected by any changes in staffing.

I would like to remind you that the school reopens on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**.

Mass times for the Christmas period have been shared on special a Christmas Card from the Parish. I do hope you find the time to attend Mass and celebrate this wonderful season with your children. Mass is a great way to make room for silence to hear the voice of love at a very busy time.



Finally, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas time, I would like to take the opportunity to share some special news. Mrs Pedley and her husband are delighted to share the news that they will be expecting their first baby next summer. I know you will join me in congratulating Mrs Pedley on this lovely news upon our return in January.

I wish you a very Merry and Holy Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Rathbone
Principal

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