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Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm sure you agree that yesterday's Nativities were absolutely magical! In the morning, Reception, Year 1 and 2 delighted us with "Shine Star Shine" and your children certainly did. They have worked so hard with the teachers to speak so well and the singing was also excellent.

In the afternoon, we squeezed into the Hall to enjoy Nursery and Little Dragons share 'The Gift of Christmas' with us. Around 70 children took part - it was really moving and uplifting to see how much the children engaged with the Christmas story. Again, thank you to the staff who worked so hard with the children to make it happen.



DVD

The Nativity our older children took part in was filmed by a professional cameraman and DVDs are available. Forms are in the school office and if you haven't already, you can complete one until Monday lunchtime, which is the deadline.

Food Bank

Firstly, thank you for the fantastic donations we will be taking to Barrow AFC today, which they will match and then send onto the Food Bank. It really shows the Spirit of St George's.

On the subject of the Food Bank, I am hugely aware that the impact of the Universal Credit rollout this month, coupled with general hardship at Christmas, may mean you need the support of the Foodbank this festive season. If this is you, please do come and apply, as we can issue vouchers. We only ask you do so by next Wednesday so we can process them. Please either ask at the office or speak to me directly on the gate in the morning. If you need us, let us help you.

Young Voices

The Young Voices Choir is singing this morning at an event for our local elderly residents and some local grandparents may be attending. Rest assured, we will also be advertising a full performance for all next term, which should be a great event to look forward to!

Attendance

Please don't forget, if your child is in next Friday and has been in all term you will be entered into a fantastic prize draw to win £50 worth of vouchers - really handy at this time of year! Also, parents are invited to share our final assembly at 10.30 am on that day and celebrate your children's achievements this term. **It is vital they attend the full week next week.**

Attendance this week:

Reception	92%	Year 4	95%
Year 1	94%	Year 5	91%
Year 2	90%	Year 6	97%
Year 3	93%		

School has supported parents/carers with transport to school on some cases, offered help and set up rewards for the children. We have also ran prize draws for families and made everyone aware of their child's class' attendance.

I know there have been sickness bugs etc, however this level of attendance is simply not acceptable. If you are keeping your child off unnecessarily, or taking them out of school for 'trips or breaks' you are harming their learning.

I will be contacting individual parents whose children are absent personally next week.

All children should have over 95% attendance for the year and parents/carers of those children who have under 90% attendance so far can expect letters outlining the legal consequences of poor attendance and potential further action. The Educational Welfare Officer is aware of the more extreme cases and prosecutions have taken place.

CHRISTMAS DIARY

Nursery and Little Dragons Party	Monday 17 th December	Nursery and LD	<i>Children in those classes wear party clothes to school. Santa is back!</i>
Years 3,4 5 and 6 Party (split into am and pm)	Tuesday 18 th December	Main Hall	<i>Children in those classes wear party clothes to school.</i>
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 19 th December	Whole School in Christmas Jumpers	<i>A chance for a full St George's Christmas Day!</i>
LAST DAY	Friday 21st December	Whole School	DISMISSED AT 1.15pm

