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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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PTA Christmas Disco - Monday 11th December is our Christmas Disco with Taz Entertainments. If you wish your child to go please pay £4.00 via ParentPay which includes hotdogs, crisps, cake and drinks. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will be 5:00 - 5:50pm, Year 3 and Year 4 - 6:00pm - 6:50pm, Year 5 and Year 6 - 7:00pm - 7:50pm. Please remember mobile phones are not allowed to be brought to the disco and children must be collected by a responsible adult.



Carol Service - There will be a Carol Service in church on Wednesday 13th December at 6:30pm. It will be presented by the Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme featuring children from Years 3 and 4 and other local schools. Please come along and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Born in a Barn - Children in KS1 will be performing 'Born in a Barn' in the KS2 hall on Thursday 14th December at 10:00am and Friday 15th December at 2:00pm.

Ordered tickets will be sent home today. If you have yet to order, please do so by Monday at 9:00am as reserve tickets will be allocated after this time. Please remember children over the age of 2 years will require a ticket for a seat to ensure comfortable viewing for all. All tickets will be allocated before the performance, there will be no entry on the door. Please also remember prams will not be allowed to be left in the hall due to fire and safety regulations.



Sacramental Programme News - On Saturday morning the children taking part in our Sacramental programme will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. As they take this next important step on their journey in Faith, we ask everyone to keep them and their families in your prayers, that they may feel more fully a part of our community, The Family of God.



Children's Christmas Mass - Next Sunday December 17th December at 9:30am in church, there will be a special children's Mass to celebrate Christmas. The children are asked to bring the Baby Jesus out of their Crib at home to be blessed by Fr Mark with the one from the church Crib. Please come along and join us.

School Christmas Lunch - The school kitchen will be making Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December. If your child doesn't usually have a school lunch and they would like to have a Christmas lunch on this day, please book on ParentPay. The cost of the lunch is £2.50 and must be paid for on ParentPay. There will be no charge for this if your child is in Beesley, Benedict, Finch or Haydock classes, or if they are entitled to benefit related free school meals.

Christmas Jumper Day - Also, on Tuesday 19th December the children are asked to wear their uniform as normal, but they can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper in return for the donation of £1. The money raised from this will go to charity chosen by the school council. Please pay on ParentPay.



Christmas Parties - The children will be having a Christmas party during the last week of term (please see which day below). Children are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on their party day - but please remember that they will still need a coat and sensible shoes for playtimes.

Monday 18th December: Pre-school and Reception
Wednesday 20th December: KS1 and LKS2
Thursday 21st December: UKS2



School Communication - Please remember to activate your School Spider account, if you have not done so already, to ensure you receive information that is sent home and also to ensure your child doesn't miss out on school events. Please contact school if you are having difficulty doing this.

School Admissions 2024 - If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools . It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.