

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We find ourselves at the end of the autumn term and I hope that you and your families are now ready for the joys of Christmas! It has been a particularly challenging time in the last few weeks and despite having to put in place our Outbreak Management Plan in three of our classes, fortunately, we have managed to finish the term without having to send home any classes or close our school, as has happened elsewhere throughout Haringey.

Although we were unable to invite parents in to see the Christmas Nativity Concert at Rectory Gardens, we consider ourselves lucky in that all of the key Christmas events were able to take place this term...and much fun was had! This included the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity productions, the PSA Christmas Fair, the Santa Run and a series of fabulous music concerts! In coming together for all of these fun and sociable events, there was a real sense of a re-strengthening of our school community. We so hope that this will also be the case next term and beyond.

As the Christmas holiday is upon us, we also hope that this two week period will act as a 'firebreak' for the virus and that rates of infection at least stabilize, if not reduce. As we think about the beginning of the spring term, it is unlikely that the government will call for further restrictions that would lead to schools having to once again close. Therefore, we are planning on being fully open from Wednesday 5th January. I will write to you again before the beginning of the spring term to confirm arrangements.

Thank you to all of you for your words, cards and emails of support for all that we are doing at St Mary's. We love what we do and love doing as much as we can for your children. We will continue to do our very best to support you and your families as needed and in whatever way we can.

In terms of Covid management, we would ask that you:

- Continue to report any positive LFD test or PCR test results in your children for the next 5 days to swalker@stmarysn8.co.uk and;
- Test your child (Reception – Y6 only) with a lateral flow test either on the evening of 4th January or on the morning of 5th January before they return to school, and report any positive results to swalker@stmarysn8.co.uk.

These actions will continue to help safeguard our school community as far as possible.

Do have the most wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will see you once again when the children return to school on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Stay safe and well,

With very best regards,

Calvin Henry.

Calvin Henry
Headteacher