



ST MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we head into the final week of the autumn term, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has been a very successful term with all of our new pupils settled and happy, a bonding Year 6 school journey experience and wonderful performances from our KS1 pupils in their Christmas plays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

13 Dec	Christmas Lunch
14 Dec	1.05pm St Mary Abbots Church Community Carol Service
15 Dec	9.20am End of Term Christmas Service 1.30pm FOSMAS Christmas Parties
16 Dec	House Team Winners announced Whole School - Storyteller visit - Anna Conomos 3.00pm End of Autumn Term
2 Jan	SCHOOL CLOSED

SPRING TERM

3 Jan	PUPILS & STAFF RETURN
5 Jan	9.20am Whole School Epiphany Service

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Tuesday 13 December

This takes place on Tuesday 13 December. Staff and children eat together and the meal is usually first class.

On this day, the children are allowed to wear Christmas headgear (Santa hat, reindeer antlers etc) and donate £1.00 to their chosen charity, Sentebale.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Friday 16 December

On the last day of the term, children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform and donate £1.00 to Sentebale. It costs £250 to send a child to school in Lesotho and we are hoping we can raise enough money to send one or maybe two pupils to school. Wouldn't that be a wonderful achievement just before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

9.30am Thursday 15 December

Please do join us for carols, readings, class carols and start to feel festive. The service takes place on Thursday 15 December at 9.30am and refreshments will be served in school following the service.

FOSMAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Fair. It was a lovely afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils. My thanks to a group of children who helped to clear up afterwards and stayed behind quite late to do so.

A round of applause must also go to **Laura Sylvester** who did such a marvellous job organising and coordinating it all. I am not sure of the final total raised but it could be in excess of £3,500.

ADVENT WINDOW AT ST MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL

On Friday 9 December our Advent window featuring 209 Peace Doves was unveiled. Every child decorated a wooden dove and wrote their message of peace on the front. The doves will be collected by the children in January when they can take their message out into the world at the start of a new year.

DATES FOR JANUARY 2017 ONWARDS

Thurs 5 January	9.20am Epiphany Service
Fri 27 January	9.00am Parent Workshop - Healthy Packed Lunches
Tues 31 January	From 9.00am School Nurse Drop in Clinic
Tues 21 March	9.00am Setting Boundaries for Good Behaviour - session led by School Nurse

Wishing you and your family a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Best wishes from all of the staff and myself at St Mary Abbots School.

Yours sincerely

**N Doyle
Headteacher**

