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Dear Parents,

### NEWSLETTER

#### Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for contributing to the Christmas Fair on Saturday. We were overwhelmed by the support given by the families, staff and friends of St Mary's. We raised over £1,500 which is a wonderful boost to PTA funds.

#### Advent Services

The first of the Advent Services will be held this Thursday in church and will continue on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December also. Parents are welcome to join us for these services. However, children will not be involved in the same way they are with the Lent Services.

#### School Nurse

The new school nurse, Nicola Summers, is setting up a drop in service at school. Parents are invited to call and speak with her about any child health concerns they may have. The first session will be this Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.00a.m.

#### Christmas Tree Festival

Our choir will be opening the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival this Friday, 2nd December at 6.00pm. The Christmas Tree Festival will not only have the decorated Christmas trees to look at but a variety of stalls and refreshments will be available. Opening times are Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12pm to 6pm and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 12pm to 4pm.

#### Christmas Theatre Trip

The children will be going to the Octagon Theatre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December to watch their adaptation of Cinderella. Children should come to school at the usual time in school uniform. They will leave for the theatre at approximately 9.30am and will return at 12.30pm when lunch will be served as usual. A snack and drink will be provided by school during the interval.

#### Christmas Carol Concert

Bury Music Service will be holding a Carol Concert at Ramsbottom Civic Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. They have asked our school choir to perform along with their woodwind ensemble. Tickets are available to purchase from the Civic Hall or you can pay on the door. Tickets are £5 for adults and £4 for concessions.

#### Dress Rehearsal of 'Humph the Camel'

You are invited to join us in St Mary's Church for a dress rehearsal of 'Humph the Camel' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. All four classes will be taking part and no tickets are required.

#### Carol Service

The whole school will perform at the Carol Service to be held in church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Due to space being limited, 2 tickets per family will be issued initially and a waiting list for further tickets will be kept with Mrs Boardman. The tickets will be sent home shortly.

### Christmas Parties

Class 3 and Class 4 will be having their Christmas party on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Class 1 and Class 2 will have theirs on the afternoon of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be able to come to school in their party clothes on these days.

### Talent Show

The children will be having their Talent Show again on the morning of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children who wish to take part should be thinking about what they would like to do in the show. Everyone is welcome to join in and Mrs Woodward will be giving out entry forms shortly.

### End of Term Service

The end of term service will be held in church on the last day of term, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.15am and we hope you will be able to join us for this celebration of the children's achievements over the last term. If your child received a shield or trophy at the Summer end of term service please could this be returned to school as soon as possible.

### LIST OF DATES

Advent services (St Mary's Church)	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
School nurse drop in	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.00am
Christmas Tree Festival (Methodist Church)	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	6.00pm
Christmas Theatre Trip	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am
Christmas Carol Concert (Ramsbottom Civic Hall)	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm
Carol Service Rehearsal	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am
Carol Service	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm
Christmas parties	Class 3 & 4 - Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> December Class 1 & 2 - Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm 1.00pm
Talent Show	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am
End of Term Service	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.15am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Woodward  
Head Teacher