

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Thank you so much to everyone who joined with us to celebrate Christmas at Church for our carol concert and our nativity play.

School finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow. Our staff will be on **INSET training** on **Monday 4th January** and the children will be returning to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2016**.

Some children will be taking part in a Cross Country event in the first week back after New Year. Those of you who have returned your permission slips, thank you. If you haven't done so please return them to the office tomorrow so that the transport arrangements can be made.

Assessment – Progress

After talking with some parents, I know you have valued hearing about your child's next steps and appreciated the progress measure on the top of the form. One or two parents have discussed with teachers occasional surprise if their child has not quite made expected progress. I hope the staff have had an opportunity to explain this fully. You may remember in my letter sent with the reports that with the transition to the higher expectations this is likely to occur. It is seen across many schools and we anticipate more rapid progress as the year progresses.

Parent View

It is important to us that all families contribute to Parent View. Ideally we would love all parents to register and answer the twelve quick questions on the website. The link is below alternatively Google - 'Ofsted Parent View'.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Advance Diary Date:

FRIDAY 22nd Jan – WACKY HAIR DAY this is an event to support our PTA.

Everyone at St Mary's would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year! We look forward to seeing you in January, hopefully feeling refreshed and ready to start the new term.

Mr Jones and all the staff at St Marys.