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Dear Parents,

I had the pleasure and the privilege of joining Reception for their Nativity this morning and was delighted by the talent on show. We have some superstars in our midst! And if that wasn't enough pleasure for one day, Year One and Year Two's dress rehearsal was this afternoon and they are now ready to perform to parents on Monday and Tuesday. We will end next week on a high, with KS2's carol concert on Thursday evening in the church and then with a whole school mass on Friday. It has been a most successful term and the children have hopefully enjoyed both their hard work and the rewards that they have earned.

Golden Book

Reception: Gracie Goddard for always putting 100% effort into our Nativity and taking suggestions on board. Gracie has really impressed everyone with her excellent performing and took to the stage like a professional. Well done, Gracie!

Year One: Enda McGillicuddy for working hard all week. This week, we have all been very busy preparing for the nativity while also preparing for Christmas. Enda has produced a lovely retelling of the Christmas Story and listened to teachers advise on how to improve his work. Well done, Enda.

Year Two: Rian Kelly for always speaking so eloquently in class when giving answers. His joined, cursive handwriting has improved so much since the start of the year. Well done, Rian!

Year Three: Sonny Fitzpatrick as his behavior and attitude to work has been an example to others in the classroom. He always applies himself in lessons and contributes his fantastic ideas to class discussions.

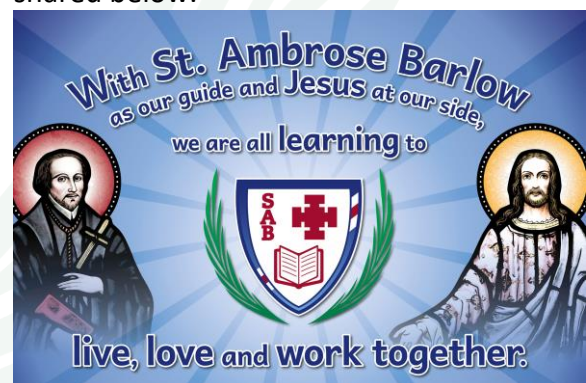
Year Four: Erin Quinn for being an excellent role model and demonstrating the values and virtues of our school brilliantly, especially on the playground with younger children.

Year Five: James Foster for always being a kind and considerate member of Year Five and always having a go at his class work! Well done, James.

Year Six: Callum Mullin for having endless enthusiasm! He puts one hundred percent effort into all that he does and is always keen to help and support others. He has a positive attitude and is an excellent role model for others.

School mission

We have slightly re-designed the presentation of our mission, which I have shared below.



After Christmas, we are having new vinyl designs in the school office and on the hall windows as our Catholic faith is both an essential and intrinsic part of our school life and a visible and unmistakeable identity which can be seen from outside.

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Parking and use of the drive

Next Friday (and through a portion of the Christmas holidays) our new gates and related security systems are finally being installed. At the start and the end of the day, the pedestrian gate will open automatically but to gain access at any point during the school day, parents and visitors will have to use the intercom for the pedestrian gate to be opened.

From now on, parents will have to use the walkway to both enter and exit the site: the driveway will no longer be used. Also, from this point on, parents will not be able to bring their vehicles on site, including to collect their children from any after-school clubs. This will keep all our children and staff safe.

Theatre Trip

On Friday, we took Reception and KS1 to see *One Snowy Night* at the Mac and, yesterday, KS2 to the Crescent Theatre for *James and the Giant Peach*. Both productions were fantastic and the children were a credit to the school with their behaviour. My thanks for FOSABS for their generous purchase of a snack and drinks for the children in KS2.

Admission Policy Consultation

Please see the section on the website if you have any comments to make about our proposed Admission Policy for 2023/24. As stated before, schools must undertake this formal process every seven years, even when there are no changes.

<https://www.sab.bham.sch.uk/admissions.htm>

Raffle tickets for sale!

Please purchase your tickets from Mrs Thorne each morning – they are priced at £1 for a strip and you have the opportunity to win one of seven different hampers.

Thank you in advance for all your generosity!

Tickets will be drawn on the night of our KS2 Carol Concert and the winners informed in the newsletter next Friday.

December dates for your diary

Mon 13th Dec: KS1 Nativity 14:00

Tues 14th Dec: KS1 Nativity 14:00

Wed 15th Dec: Christmas parties (pm)

Thurs 16th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert at 7pm in the church

Fri 17th Dec: Whole School Mass at 9:30 in the parish church

Fri 17th Dec: School closes at 14:00

January dates for your diary

Tues 4th Jan: School re-opens at 8:45

Thurs 6th Jan: Whole School Mass at 9:30 (Epiphany)

Thurs 20th Jan: Year Six St Chad's Cathedral visit

Fri 21st Jan: Year Five class assembly 9:00

Fri 28th Jan: Year One Class Mass 14:00 – all parents welcome!

February dates for your diary

Fri 4th Feb: Year Four Class assembly 9:00

Fri 18th Feb: Year Two class Mass 14:00

Fri 18th Feb: Break up at 15:30

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Jack Kelly in Year Five who was ten on Monday and happy birthday to Francis Corcoran in Reception who was five yesterday!

Have a restful and relaxing weekend, and I shall see you all on Monday, ready for our final week. God bless.

Mr Clinton

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