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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**A message from the Headteacher**

On behalf of everyone at St John Fisher I would like to wish you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas and New Year.

The children have been a real credit over the past two weeks which has made us all incredibly proud. YR delivered such a beautiful Nativity which really brought home the true meaning of this time of year. They were so confident, articulate and they looked like they were having so much fun. Magnificent!

We were also treated to a wonderful assembly from Year 3 all about 'Visitors' last Friday. Again, the level of their performance was a joy to behold and they can be very proud of how it went.

Many thanks to Father Mark who led the Christingle celebrations at Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and it was lovely to see so many of our families in attendance.

The children have been enjoying the festivities this week with their party days, Christmas jumper days and Pantomime. It was lovely to come together this afternoon for our final celebration of 'Carols around the Tree'. We hope you enjoyed the video!!

Can I just offer my sincere thanks to all the staff at St John Fisher who work tirelessly to provide our children with the best possible education and care. Have a well-deserved rest.

**Richard Chapman**

Trained at the Trinity College of Music, London  
Classical, Electric, Acoustic and Bass Guitar lessons offered, as well as Ukulele lessons either individually in slots of 15, 20 or 30 minutes or as part of a small group for 20 or 30 minutes.

**Please contact Richard on 07769278235 for further details and prices.**

**Fencing Competition**

Congratulations to Anthony and Brinley who performed magnificently last week in the Premier Sports Fencing Competition at Wyndham Primary. After a 'round robin' focus St John Fisher made it to a play-off final where they were narrowly beaten 4 points to 3 by Wyndham. Both players were magnificent throughout and their competitive spirit and attitude was first class.

**Superclass Winners!!!**

A BIG well done to Year 4 who are the first 'Superclass' winners for this year. They celebrated by having a movie afternoon. Who's going to win next term?

**Up to date phone numbers and email addresses**

Just a quick reminder to pop into the school office if you have changed/updated either your contact numbers or email addresses recently.

**Bad weather procedures**

In the event of snow **please do not phone** the school to see if we are open as the telephone jams with the number of calls and you are unlikely to get through. We aim to stay open and in the very unlikely circumstances that we have to close we will send a group call to say so. Unless you receive a group call, then please assume we that are open. We will also contact Radio Derby and they will put an announcement out.

**Applying for place in Yr R for September 2019**

Parents wishing to apply for a place in FS2 starting in September 2019, can do so from now on and the closing date is **the 15th January 2019**. To make an application you can:

apply online via the Derby City Council Admissions website it's quick and easy and lets you track the progress of your application

apply by phone on 01332 642730 - this takes around 5 minutes.

apply using a paper form - telephone 01332 642730 to ask Derby City Council to send you one.

If you make your application online, you will be able to access your decision on 16th April 2019 - National Offer Day. If you apply by phone or on a paper form your offer letter will be posted on 16th April 2019, second class.

**Christmas break**

Today we break up for the Christmas Holidays and children will return back to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

**Dates for your diary**

Monday	7th January	INSET Day (School Closed)
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**A final thought**

**Make sure you enjoy the festivities!**

Have a fantastic Christmas Holiday,

Yours sincerely,

P.Ackers, C.Endsor, J.Grattidge, P.Harlow