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Dear Families,

We send our warmest wishes to those children who made their **First Holy Communion** this weekend. We will contact yourselves in the new year to give details for the next dates for this sacramental programme.

As we begin our second week of Advent, please see the **attached Word of the Week** so you can journey at home with us.

Just a reminder of diary events for this week:

Wednesday 8th December- Foundation Stage Nativity @ 9.30am

Thursday 9th December- Foundation Stage Nativity @ 2.30pm

Please can we remind everyone that a face covering (unless exempt) is required during the performance and to only attend if you are well and have the allocated seats. Many thanks.

Thursday 9th December- Virtual CAFOD assembly

Friday 10th December: Children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper** and enjoy a **Christmas lunch** together. Please could lunches be booked on Parent mail as soon as possible to help with the preparations.

Please could your child bring pennies to school to spend at the **PTA Children's Christmas market on Friday**. The stalls will be run by children in Juniors. Your child is also welcome to make items at home to sell with all proceeds raised going straight back into school.

COVID-19 Update

Thank you so much for all your support, well wishes and understanding during this unsettling time. As always, the strength of our community is shown in how we are all trying so hard in balancing the festivities of this season with the need to keep everyone as safe and as well as possible. Thank you for your support with wearing face coverings and avoiding congregating as well as being proactive when your child is ill.

Today's attendance shows that the **recent outbreak in Year 5** has stabilised. However, we remain vigilant in our approach and this class will keep in their isolated bubble with a review to take place later in the week. Yet again, your children are absolutely brilliant in their determination and resilience and really do keep us all going!

"Outstanding relationships exist between all members of the school community"

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Understandably, the planned celebration of learning this Friday is now rescheduled to early in the new year. As always, you are very welcome to contact your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or request to look through your child's books.

Those children whose family gave consent had their flu vaccination today.

Very last orders for the **PTA Children's calendars** are tomorrow and raffle tickets are still on sale. The PTA would really welcome all the support they could have to increase their funds for school.

As always, we send our very grateful thanks to you all for all your support. We will continue to provide you with updates as necessary.

We especially pray for all who are in need of our intentions at this time. Please also feel most able to let us know if we can support or help in any way we can.

In partnership and prayer,

Mrs JL Smedley

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