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Dear Parents

We have had a great start to our Advent and festive time of year.

On Monday our Year 4 children visited the United Church in Dorchester and took part in their Journey to the Stable activities. We then had a lovely evening of Christmas stories and hot chocolate with 90 children joining us.

Parents joined us for our Maths workshop on Tuesday.

On Wednesday Wessex FM recorded Year 4 for their Sleeps 'til Santa, they recorded 7 sleeps and this will be played on Wessex FM during the day on Wednesday 18th December.



We had a brilliant Rudolph Run with lots of parents coming along to run with their children. We have raised over £800 for the Weldmar Hospice so thank you very much for all the amazing support and sponsorship for this event.

We had The Book Bus at St Mary's today, all the children spent time looking through the books, we hope you found some nice books to look at or buy.

It has been lovely having families join us at 3.00 pm each day for our Advent Prayers, if you are here at 3.00 pm, please could come into the Hall to join us.

The children are now busy rehearsing for their Nativity plays, you will receive your tickets today and a letter regarding timings and costumes.

Some of our Year 4 children entered a poetry competition run by Sustainable Dorset and went along to their prize giving ceremony on Saturday where they read their poems out loud. 165 children entered from various schools in the area and ten of our Year 4 children were short-listed.

Nine of the short-listed children were Highly Commended with one of them won first prize. We are delighted and incredibly proud of all of them.



Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Monday 16 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 17 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	PTA running the Christmas Shop – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	Haycorns' Mini Christmas Production – Haycorns' parents invited for 10 am in the School hall
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Party – during school hours – children to wear party clothes on this day
Thursday 19 th December	Carol Service – 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church – all families welcome
Friday 20 th December	Advent Service - 1.15 pm – parents of Reception to Year 4 children welcome to join us for this service. Children can go home after the service or at normal pick up time.
Friday 20 th December	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to School

Yours Sincerely

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Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher