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Dear Parents

Many of you may be reading this week's newsletter having just attended the F.O.S.T Christmas family fun event, taking place on Friday after school. A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who worked so hard to set this event up. The proceeds of events such as these go directly back to the school and help us to continue to provide the very best for our children.

It was wonderful to see children in Year 1 coming to school dressed in all things 'space' earlier this week as part of the topic book Astro Girl. Topics such as these are designed to encourage children to explore key concepts and have hands-on memorable experiences that will stay with them for years to come. You never know - we could have future space travellers in our midst!

This week the Parents of Reception and Nursery children are invited to watch their children perform the Nativity on Wednesday 7 December at either 9.30am or 2.00pm in the school hall. There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society, to help the poor in our community.

We welcomed parents of Year 4 children into school on Monday morning for our annual service to mark the beginning of Advent. The children spoke and sang with such clarity, creating an atmosphere in which parents could leave the busyness of life behind and consider the message of 'hope' signified by the lighting of the first Advent candle. This weekend we look forward to the lighting of the second purple candle to signify 'faith' and in particular the journey that Mary and Joseph made on that first Christmas to Bethlehem.

John the Baptist is the subject of the Gospel message this weekend. A man of extraordinary faith, who encouraged people to prepare for the Lord by making straight paths. May we too walk this path in the coming week, faithful that Christ is with us all.

Have a great weekend.

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"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

