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Dear Parents/Carers,

So that is the first term of this academic year nearly over and it has been a really successful one. The children continue to be a credit to themselves, to us and to you and their families and have embraced all the new opportunities offered to them. It was lovely to see so many of you join us for the Nativity at St Mark's Church last week. I thought the children performed with such confidence and enthusiasm and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyable for all of us.

The staff at St Mark's work tirelessly to provide children with such exciting opportunities and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of staff for always going above and beyond to make sure that our children have the very best opportunities going.

We still have several things happening before we finish on Friday. Tomorrow is our Christingle and a separate letter was sent home about this last week. Just a reminder for all children to please bring in an orange tomorrow for this. Thursday is our Christmas Lunch and the children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory (ie jumper/hat/tinsel) if they'd like to do so. Thursday is also our Carols Around the Campfire service – again, a separate letter will be coming home about this and we look forward to lots of our families joining us for this very special event. We then finish for the end of term at 1.30 on Friday.

Academisations update: A letter was sent home from Michael Hartley and Lisa Dale (on behalf of the Governing Body) on 3rd December about the consultation process for academisation and potentially joining The Project Trust. As part of this consultation process, I am pleased to invite you to a session for parents to come along to at school at 6.00pm on Tuesday 28th January. This will be an opportunity to hear more about The Prospect Trust and what it will mean if St Mark's joins this Multi-Academy Trust from Andy Yarrow, the CEO, and other representatives from the Prospect Trust. Myself, Mrs Jones and Mrs Williams will also be present at this meeting. To ensure your questions can be answered, it would be appreciated if you could submit any questions prior to this event (by 17th January). These should be emailed in via the school office (adminoffice@st-marks.hants.sch.uk) and will then be forwarded to Andy Yarrow.

All that is left is for me to wish you and all your families a very merry Christmas and I hope you enjoy making new special memories at this special time of year.

Yours sincerely,

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Clare Wright
Executive Headteacher

