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Dear Parent's and Children,

As we finish today for our Christmas break can I first of all thank you for your continued support for our school communities and of course for the help and support you give to you own children to enable them to achieve their full potential. At this special time of year as a Catholic school, I would encourage you to go together to Church as a family to celebrate Jesus' birthday and if you can "light" a candle at his crib for your family and our school families.

**Christmas Mass times:**

24<sup>th</sup> December St Oswald's 7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> December St Sebastian's 9pm  
25<sup>th</sup> December St Oswald's 9.30am

**Nativities in school:** What a pleasure and privilege it was to be invited to the many ways our children celebrated the birth of Christ our Saviour. This was from F1, F2 Y3&Y4. These were fabulous with the children as always fantastic. Let's take their message with us during 2017. Many thanks to all who helped make these possible.

**Thank you to the staff of the Federation:** I am privileged to work with so many generous and talented people who give 1000% of their effort and time to support our children. We certainly and myself included value the partnership we have with our families knowing we are all trying to do the very best for our children and I feel for the most part this works well which is why the schools are so well thought of by our community and wider community.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all the blessings for you and your families at this special season. Happy Christmas to you all, our thoughts go out to those for whom this year has been a sad time and I assure them of our prayers and thoughts. Also I hope 2017 will be a special time for you and I wish you all a "Special New Year".

We return to school Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at normal time.

Dennis Hardiman, the staff, children and governors of the Federation.