## ST MATTHEW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents** 

Thank you for your support during this challenging first half term – it is greatly appreciated by us all. The children have been a credit to their families as they have "grown back into daily school life" and adopted some new routines too.

Many thanks for your generosity on Thursday, 8 October 2020 when we raised a total of £185.00 for 'Young Minds', a Mental Health Charity for young people. Thank you also for the harvest donations to support the 'People's Kitchen' where there has been a 50% increase in the number of people requiring this invaluable charitable service.

The forthcoming events are scheduled for next half term:

Our Christmas Craft and Festive Raffles will take place but not in the usual guise – more details to follow.

Christmas parties will be held, separately, for each year group and the children will be asked to come into school in their party clothes that day. They will remain in these clothes all day and stay in school for lunch also. Party snacks will be provided by school and, unlike previous years, the children will not bring any 'party food' into school. Further details and dates will follow.

Nativity Plays will be rehearsed and performed in school. We will record each play (Reception Class and joint Years 1 and 2) and provide online access to you all prior to Christmas. Unfortunately, we cannot have audiences in school for these performances.

Parents' Evenings will be replaced by a written report on your child's progress. The reports will be provided on Friday, 27 November 2020.

Our First Holy Communion Programme will not happen this year for our current Year 4 pupils. We hope this programme can be started next academic year when these children are in Year 5.

If you need to contact school urgently during the half term break, we will be monitoring our Office email account on a daily basis (office@stmatthewsjarrow.co.uk). If you leave contact details, I will respond accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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