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Dear Parents,

Thank you:

- To those parents who **participated in the Numeracy session led by Colette Delargey**, I trust that you found it useful. We have worked with Colette many times before and love the approach that she takes to developing pupils' mathematical skills.
- **For your support for the Book Fair. £2429.65** was spent and the school receives 60% of that to spend on books which will be a great benefit to us.
- **For supporting the Journey to Santa initiative.** It is lovely to see so many children gaining more exercise each morning and to know that we are raising awareness about Eco Friendly travel- St Francis is no doubt very proud of us.
- **To those parents who attended the First Friday Mass today.** This is a special part of our school faith development, enjoyed by P4-P7 pupils and we are delighted that Fr Alphonsus is able to facilitate this.

Advent- a time for preparation:

Our school has been decorated beautifully for Christmas and I would urge you to have a little peek at the crib positioned in our Assembly Hall window, when dropping off or collecting your children. It is absolutely beautiful and the children are entranced by it. **We love sharing the story of the Nativity with our children, it is one of the joys and privileges of our job.** I hope that you will hear lots as the month unfolds and I ask you, if you can, to take your children to one of the **churches in our town to see the crib scenes and the advent wreaths.**

I remind families one more time that we have the ability to help out with Christmas if anyone needs assistance. If so please contact me by next week so that we can provide the best help possible.

Looking forward to a happy month,

Yours in partnership

Mrs Monaghan