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Dear Parents/Guardians

Here is some information about a number of forthcoming dates between now and the end of term.

Christmas Carol Services: As usual these will take place for years 7 - 9 on Monday 14 December in the churches in Penarth and Dinas Powys. Pupils will walk to the church accompanied by their learning coaches and the services will finish at approximately 2.30 p.m. Pupils will be dismissed directly from the church. Those who do not wish to take part in the services on religious grounds will undertake alternative activities in school.

Christmas Concert: This take place on Tuesday 15 December at 6.00 p.m in the Old Hall Penarth. Admission is free with a collection at the end towards equipment for the Music Department.

Staff Leaving: We will be losing two members of staff at the end of this term. Ms H Simm (PE dept) and Mr C Simm (Examinations Officer) who are emigrating to New Zealand. We wish them well for the future and thank them for everything they have contributed to the success of St Cyres.

End of Term Arrangements: Term ends for pupils on **Friday 18 December at 12 midday.** Sandwiches will be available to any pupils who order them by the end of lunchtime on Wednesday 16 December. Christmas lunch is being provided on Wednesday 16 December at a cost of £1.60 for the main course and 50p for pudding.

All pupils in years 7-10 will receive **interim reports** which will contain an overview of how the pupils are progressing in each of their subject areas. It will be accompanied by an attendance report and we would appreciate if parents could check this carefully. If there are absences you have not explained these can be corrected by telephoning the attendance office on 029 20 713578 and leaving a voicemail message, or a written note of explanation. **Please note that reports cannot be issued before the last day of term.**

Spring Term starts on **Tuesday 5 January 2010** at the usual time of 8.30 a.m.

Rebuilding of St Cyres: A vast amount of progress has been made this term in the planning of our new school. The project team has been meeting regularly with school and Vale staff throughout the term. We have therefore invited the Project Manager Mr Ron Maclean to give a presentation to parents about the project at the Governors' annual meeting for parents on **Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.** Please put this important event in your diaries. The Governors' Annual Report will be issued at the beginning of next term.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout this term. Once again it has been a busy and highly successful period and we will be publishing a newsletter before the end of term.

On behalf of the staff and Governors of St Cyres I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

B P Lightman
Headteacher