



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent

## December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

### **Christmas Mass- Whole School – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am.**

Please join us for our final Mass of this year when we celebrate the Nativity of our Saviour. We shall have a procession of The Word to celebrate this Year – The God who Speaks. All welcome.

### **Stay & Pray- Wednesday 9:00**

Please join us for our final Advent Meditation tomorrow with our Y1 – Y6 children. 9:00- 9.10 - all welcome. Thank you so much to all who joined us last week.

### **ADVENT Charities**

Thank you to the children who have provided items for the gift boxes for the team at **St Chad's Sanctuary – this is now completed.** They have been overwhelmed with your generosity and sent in the following message:

“To all the pupils, staff and parents at St Mary's. Thank you so much for your wonderful donations. You have helped to bring joy to others this Christmas – you are wonderful!”

**Brother Benjamin, Feeding Project** - We still have cards that can be gifted at Christmas – they cost £10 each and the money will go directly towards feeding a child headed family in Zimbabwe for one month! Many children have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS and some, as young as 12 years old, are left to bring up their siblings. If you would like to purchase a card as a gift to someone – please contact the school office. Thank you to those who have already done so.



### **KS2 Carol Service**

You are most warmly invited to our Christmas Carol Service, starting at **7.00 p.m.** in the church on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children need to be in school by 18:15 please.

### **Reception Classes to visit Ash End House Farm**

The children and a number of staff will go to Ash End House Farm on Wednesday and will re-enact the Christmas story while there. It is always a lovely occasion for the children. Please make sure that they are dressed in warm clothes as much of the day is outside.



### **Christmas Parties 2019...**

Our KS1 children will party today – so many thanks to PTA for providing the food for all phases. Father Christmas will be here, too, as he was yesterday for our Reception children.

Tomorrow, it is the turn of our junior children – please ensure that their clothing, including footwear, is appropriate for school at this time of year – some children have asked if they can wear costumes – we would rather they did not do so. Thank you!

**Advent Week 3: Rejoice in the Lord!**



**Beginning of School Day Access:** The school learning day begins at 8:45 – therefore, the bell goes at 8:43 and the gates are closed. PLEASE be on time.

## The God who Speaks...

**“How happy are those who have no doubts.”**

Luke 7: 23

### Vouchers



The Sun is offering primary schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland the chance to claim a set of free Collins Big Cat books for schools worth over £600. Each school must collect 3,500 tokens which are printed in The Sun every day from Saturday, November 23 2019 – Saturday, January 18 2020. Please send all tokens into school FAO Mrs Davis.

### PTA news:

**Carols by Candlelight** - a family event with music by Mr. Reid, will be held in the parish hall on Friday 20th Dec - tickets are available from the PTA. All proceeds for this event will go to St. Chad's Sanctuary.

### Christmas Gadgets!

If the children receive watches for Christmas that have internet access we must insist that these are not worn in the school day. We cannot monitor what the children are accessing and such items prove to be an unwelcome distraction to their learning. However, we sincerely hope that the children enjoy all the gifts they receive whilst at home. Thank you!

### Prospective parents for September 2020 – application deadline.

Please note that if you wish to apply for a Reception place for September 2020, the Birmingham City Council form (online) and the St Mary's Supplementary Information Form (from school office) must be completed and submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

May I, on behalf of governors and staff, thank you for your generosity, support and faith in us this past term. May you enjoy all the many blessings of Christmas and hold fast to what is truly important – family, friends and faith! Happy New Year!

**We welcome the children back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack  
Headteacher

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