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Dear Parent

January is dedicated to the Most Holy name of Jesus

Mass- Whole School – Friday, 10th January – 9:30am.

Please join us for our first Mass of this New Year and new term. The God who Speaks says at the beginning of this year... **“Of course I want to”** (in response to the leper who said to Jesus, ‘Sir, if you want to, you can cure me.’). What is it we *want* from God in this New Year – health, united family, a place of refuge, peace? Let us ask God together ... All welcome.

The God who Speaks...

The Lord is generous, merciful and just.

Psalm 111

Mrs Davis - Congratulations



We send Mrs Davis all our love and congratulations as she begins her maternity leave. Her daughter, Annabel Mary, was born approximately a month early on 2nd January. Both mother and baby are doing very well, thank God.

In Mrs Davis’ absence, Mr Blaney will resume the position of Deputy Headteacher for his three days per week i.e. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each Monday and Friday, Mr Clinton, as Assistant Head will play a more prominent and leading role in the Senior Management of our school. As always, however, we are all here to serve children, families and staff and at least one of us is always available. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT Charities

Thank you so profoundly for your generosity before Christmas.

St Chad’s Sanctuary

Many new toys were donated for the Christmas boxes for children and a further £600 in cash donations.

Brother Benjamin Feeding Project

£1300 which includes £360 for the Christmas cards and other donations dedicated to this project.

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.

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 **15th January 2020.**

Phonic Workshops – Reception Classes/Parents

Please return the reply slips for these classes so that staff know who is/is not coming. They

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are really important meetings for you as the first educators of your child and support your child and enhance all that we do in school. The workshops are due to take place next week – each day between 12.30 – 15.00. Thank you as always for supporting your child's learning.

School Council – Toy Sale – 29th and 30th January

Our school council members are hosting a toy sale – maybe due to the recycling of older toys now that the children have been inundated with new toys over Christmas 😊! The children are raising funds for a 'living tree' to be placed in our school foyer. They will write directly about this, once the funds are raised.

KS1 – 29th Jan;

KS2 – 30th Jan.

After Sports Clubs

Karate and Multisports will resume next week.

Football and Netball will resume after half term when the evenings are getting a little brighter.

SWIMMING

This begins next Tuesday for our Y2 children for this half term.

STEMM Week in School

As part of our preparations for STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine) week in school - starting Monday 20th January - Year Two need newspaper: lots of it, please! Please send in any spare newspaper with your child so we can start a collection.

Thanks to all the parents and volunteers involved in initiating, organising and planning the events for the week - we are confident it will be a great success! Particular thanks go to Juana Maria Delgado-Saborit for approaching us with the idea, we are so excited and grateful. More details will follow next week regarding each year band's focus and activities.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher

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