



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

### Y4F Class Mass – 7<sup>th</sup> December 9:15

Please join Miss Hill's class as they celebrate mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Their celebration is in honour of the feast of Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Please join us for this very special occasion.

### Reception Nativity – also on 7<sup>th</sup> December

We welcome our Reception class parents to their first Nativity for their child at St Mary's - all welcome to join this occasion. The children begin their reflection at 10:00 in the church.

### Stay and Pray...

... Tomorrow, for our first whole school mediation this year. It is a wonderful experience. All welcome to join us. We gather for 9:00 in the school hall.

### Inclement Weather

Please see school website which will be updated regularly for news of any closures – the time of updates will be published so that you can be sure of the very latest news.

### NUT Allergies

We have a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts. We ask that you **do not send in nuts** with your child. It is crucial that we keep all our children safe. They have plenty of time to eat what they like outside of school time. Thank you for supporting our children in this way.

### A Message from our PTA

St Mary's PTA are delighted to have teamed up with 'easyfundraising'. Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest retail fundraising platform connecting over 1 million supporters with 100,000 good causes. A donation is collected every time people connected with the school shop online, for everything from fashion and groceries to hotels and insurance. This is a completely free and highly effective way for a school to raise money which they can invest in extracurricular and enrichment programmes in school. The following short video explains how simple it is. Plus easyfundraising is currently donating £5 to us for every new supporter who joins and raises their first £5.

<http://efraising.org/q2DfJTlijK> [St Mary's School, Harborne PTA Fundraising Ideas | easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for 'St Marys School Harborne PTA'

### Choir on Mondays

Mrs Davis will be holding her final Choir group after school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Goodbye to Mrs Hall

Mrs Hall will be retiring at the end of term and the Zacchaeus Club, as we know it, will cease. Mrs Hall has been a wonderful colleague and great supporter of our children and their families for over 15 years. She will leave a huge hole in our lives and the lives of the children she has so faithfully served, not only at St Mary's but across Birmingham. She will be missed more

than she could ever think possible. We pray that God blesses her retirement with abundant graces, great health and daily joy. Thank you Anne for all that you have given to St Mary's.

### Advent Thought ...

“We witness to holiness in simple ways:  
a smile here, a kind gesture there, offering some small help or service,  
giving the benefit of the doubt,  
offering up a prayer when our patience is tested,  
letting go of hurt, not nursing a wound or resentment  
and forgiving those who have offended or insulted us in some way.”

Walk with Me Booklet 2018

Yours sincerely,



H. M. Cusack  
Headteacher