



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

### **Y6 Class assembly – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please join with our Y6F class as they lead us in collective worship on Friday. All welcome. Assemblies begin at 9.15 and, once started, we cannot allow late arrivals as this is unfair to the children. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Please join us for our Meditation on Wednesday's of Advent – Y1 – Y6. 9:00- 9.10 - all welcome.

### **ADVENT Charities**

The **St Chad's Sanctuary** volunteer team are making up boxes for Christmas for refugee children. If any child has a toy that is in very good condition that they want to pass on for the Christmas box – OR – if any child wants to buy a small gift from them to another child of their age – that would be very much appreciated. Toys, colouring book and crayons work well for younger children and/ or stationery works well for older children. This could be something that the children choose to do directly from them to another child. **Final date to provide such items is 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** Thank you!

**Brother Benjamin, Feeding Project** - We have 50 cards that can be gifted at Christmas – they cost £10 each and the money will go towards feeding a family in Zimbabwe for one month! If you would like to purchase a card as a gift to someone – please contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support for good causes.

### **Nativities**

Our **Reception** children will present their telling of the Christmas story on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, in St Mary's Church. It begins at 10.00am and all are welcome.

**Y1 & Y2** – next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Both performances begin at 1.45pm. These events are ticket only. Please have your ticket with you or entrance will be refused. Thank you.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to honour Immaculate Conception**

Next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, we shall have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in our school hall. Please join us for silent prayer and worship. Exposition will be from 9:00am – 11:30am.

**Cleaner Required:** The position is to support our current team under the direction of Mr Reid. It is for 10 hours per week – 3.45-5.45pm each day. Please contact Mrs Vincent via the school office if you are interested – OR – know someone who may be. Thank you

**Advent Week 1: Stay awake and stand ready ...**



### Multi – Sports – After School Clubs

We will be running two replacement multi-sport sessions for Year Two (due to closure of school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec) and for Year Six (to replace the day where school was closed for INSET last term).

Year Two will have an extra session on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Year Six on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. Both of these sessions will start at 3:30 until 4:45

Please pick up your child promptly!

Letters for next term will be sent out once dates and a focus for sports has been agreed.

### 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 - Wreath Making

The wreath making takes place tomorrow evening in the school hall. Many thanks to the PTA Committee for arranging this festive activity. Enjoy!

### Children's Christmas Parties

This is to provide forward notice of the dates of the annual parties for the children.

Reception -16<sup>th</sup>; KS1 – 17<sup>th</sup>; KS2 – 18<sup>th</sup>. The children should wear their own clothes on the day of their party.

### Ash End House Farm – Reception 18th

Our Reception children will go to the Ash End House Farm on 18<sup>th</sup> December and experience another taste of the Christmas story.

### Election Day – Closed

School CLOSED next Thursday – 12<sup>th</sup> December for the General Election. We re-open as usual on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

## *The God who Speaks...*

*The Lord said, "I was ready to answer my people's prayers,  
but they did not pray.  
I was ready for them to find me,  
But they did not even try."*

Isaiah 65:1

Yours sincerely,

H M Cusack  
Headteacher

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