



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. To honour Our Lady on this beautiful feast, we shall have a period of prayer in school in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Each class will have their own silent time of “pondering” before the Lord and we shall pray for all of our families, for peace and for a return to a time of health and calm. Unfortunately, we cannot open to parents or parish but we can be united in spirit.

**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen**

### COVID - update

We currently have three classes isolating with two other classes having returned last week. Unfortunately, we have discovered that some children have been in school with symptoms or when a member of their family has had symptoms and are being tested. If this continues, we are most likely to have more and more cases in school and therefore more isolation required. PLEASE, follow the rules and regulations so that we can maintain our school and keep it as fully open as possible.

### Christmas Dinner ‘day’ -



We will be offering the children a Christmas dinner next **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. All who already have school dinners will be automatically included. Those who choose to opt for a school dinner on this day should book in advance – **please confirm via e-schools, no later than this Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

**We encourage all children to wear a Christmas jumper on the day too to add to the festivities.**

### Children’s Christmas Parties:

YR Christmas parties - 14th Dec

KS1 Christmas parties - 15th Dec

LKS2 Christmas parties - 16th Dec

UKS2 Christmas parties - 17th Dec

Children to wear own clothes for party. Thank you!



### Christmas Nativity and Carol Services

Mrs Davis will be sending out a letter today regarding the filming of the services that we shall be putting on for Christmas. The filming will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> December and we need to know who can and cannot be part of this. **We need a positive response for all children which requires you to read AND return the reply slip.** Under the rules of GDPR we cannot assume consent – **if you fail to respond, your child will not be part of the Nativity or Carol Service with their peer group.**



### Christmas Cards

Each class will have a post box for any cards the children may want to send to each other. All cards should be ‘posted’ by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and will be given out by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. No cards will be received after this date. Thank you.

ADVENT – Week 1 “Stay awake”



### **Foods containing Nuts in School**

Some children have been bringing in Nutella to school as part of their lunch. As it is nut based and children in school have nut allergies, please do not send this food into school. The children can enjoy such foods at home. Thank you!



### **Message from Fr John**

Family Mass 9.30 this Sunday in Church (will not be live streamed) would much prefer you to attend in person.

Yours sincerely,

*H M Cusack*

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Headteacher