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Dear Parent

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

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



A Year dedicated to St Joseph – last week on 8th December the Pope instituted a Year of St Joseph and it runs until 8th December 2021. It would do us all good to learn the art of silence so beautifully lived out by this great saint.

Christmas Mass – End of Term

On Friday – 18th December, we shall celebrate together (majority virtually) a school mass. The Mass will be live streamed via the parish You Tube link. All welcome to share.

Advent Charity

This year we have adopted the Birmingham City Mission and you are invited to send a new toy to them, directly please, to enhance a child's Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

PARKING

Dr Lo (Parent Governor) has been in touch with the police regarding the parking practices of some of our parents who continue to jeopardise the safety of their own children and the public in the way they stop, **drop children into the middle of the road** and drive off. The police are now fully aware of our concerns and a number of registrations have been provided to them. PLEASE park with due care and attention.

Filming Our Christmas services...

Aperture Photography – has provided us with a first draft of the filming that took place last Friday. Some of it needs tweaking and re-ordering. We are hoping to send out links tomorrow – it may be that a separate note will need to be circulated with further details of password etc.

COVID Updates

As a school, we remain duty bound to report any new positive COVID cases to Public Health England – up to and including Thursday 24th December. Please, therefore, continue to use covid@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk to inform us of this. This email will be monitored throughout the holidays by SMT.

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We remind you that Mrs Lewis and her team are available for breakfast club and after school care next term. This is such an excellent resource for our parents and we could not do without them. Please continue to support her and this provision. Thank you.

ADVENT – Week 3 **Prepare the way ...**



PTA

Just two days to get your raffle tickets! Some wonderful prizes including Christmas Hampers, Filter coffee machine, cheese board and lots more! Please return your ticket stubs and money by tomorrow evening as draw is taking place this Thursday. Many thanks to all of you who have already purchased tickets and donated raffle prizes.

Keeping safe at Christmas & Thank you!

So many thanks to all our staff who have worked so well with restrictions to keep children calm, happy and safe despite the ever-changing messages – and especially to Mr Reid, our wonderful Site Manager, who has gone above and beyond to keep us all as COVID safe as possible.

We encourage you to keep to the regulations set out by Government during the Christmas break so that we can all return hale and hearty in January...

...on that note, may I, on behalf of all staff, wish you all our thanks for your support, a wonderfully blessed Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year.

We return to school on Monday, 4th January 2021 at 8.45am.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher



Look who popped in here again today – ho, ho, ho and Happy Christmas.