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Dear Parent

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

Today 8th December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Happy Feast day! Thank you to the children who attended Mass this morning. The children were beautifully reverent and respectful during their time of 'watching' with the Blessed Sacrament. A day of great blessings!

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

PARKING

Mr Collins, Chair of Governors, has informed me of the appalling conduct of a small, but still significant, group of parents and the way they are dropping off their children in the morning without due care for the rules of the road or for the safety of their own child, let alone those of others. This really is quite alarming.

As these events happen on the public highway, it is not within the remit of school staff to 'police' this. However, we remain acutely aware of the seriousness of this selfish behaviour and the impact on our neighbours in Vivian Road.

Therefore, we need to ask for the strength of 'parent power' to support our children and neighbourhood in eradicating this dangerous practice.

Mr Collins, is seeking further information from the Local Council, with a view to something more permanent being put in place to stop this. In the meantime, thank you to all those who are safe and considerate in the way you send your children into school.

Filming Our Christmas services...

Aperture Photography - the same company who photograph the children - are coming into school this Friday to film all children who have returned their consent forms. They have been tasked with filming the Reception nativity, as well as the Christmas story as performed by Year 1-4, and the carol concert as performed by the classes present from Years Five and Six.

Following the recording, Aperture will edit the film and provide a copy to school, which should be available by Wednesday of the following week. This film can then be seen by parents in the following ways:

- Logging into the school learning platform via the website using the child's credentials
- Using an additional password, sent to your child's account, to access the private film which is hosted by Vimeo but will be accessed via the website.

Obviously, in an ideal world we would prefer the children to perform live with an audience but, in the current Covid climate, this is the safest and most secure way that parents can be involved in and celebrate the work their children have undertaken to prepare for Christmas here in school. We must impress upon you the importance of privacy and data protection in not sharing the password with anyone outside your immediate family, as stated in last week's newsletter. **Thank you, Mr Clinton for organising this.**

ADVENT – Week 2 "Shout without fear ... 'Here is your God.'"



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 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 14th December and will be given out by Friday 18th December. No cards will be received after this date. 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
Headteacher