



Dear Parents,

**Communications.** Please read the newsletter, parents. We are getting more and more calls again, where information that has been shared has been missed. It is there on the website and in your emails. It is your responsibility to access it. Thanks in anticipation and also to those who already do read and act on it.

**Co-Vid update-** Those of you who may have heard about a possible closure on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December need not worry. SLT and governors, in conjunction with local Head teachers, have agreed that it is in the best interests of busy parents to remain in school ,on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, as planned. This will still be Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day in school. School will finish at the normal time. There will be no After School Club on the last Friday.

**Early Years' Feedback –** Thanks for taking the time to feedback Early Years' Parents. Please find attached a summary of the findings and the planned next steps for us as leaders. Thanks to Mrs Smith for co-ordinating this feedback, effectively.

**Living our faith.** Wow! We are now up to £ 572. Thank you so very much- on behalf of local needy children. The tree is beautifully decorated with tinsel and baubles, all representing the kind donations you and your children have given. It looks stunning! Thanks also, to all those who donated to the Foodbank crates. I know that they have been really well received too. And a massive thank you to Mahoney's Garden Centre for donating our beautiful, Christmas tree. We are, as always, indebted to them.

**Forthcoming INSET DAYS are as follows:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Friday 12 February 2021

**School Lunch Credits** Some children in KS2 are in credit, as a result of CoVid absences. Please remember to book school dinners through the Club section, to use your credits. For more information and a step by step guide, use the tabs on the website: Useful Information: School Meals [https://www.st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk/website/school\\_meals/454418](https://www.st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk/website/school_meals/454418).

## Christmas preparations

### Christmas Activities this term will include:

- 1) **EYFS Advent prayer service on 10<sup>th</sup> December**- thanks to Fr Craig and the children for a lovely prayer service this morning, despite the IT letting us down. This will be available via ppt on both class pages, in the last week of term, for parents to share. (Photos will be posted via Twitter also).
- 2) **KS1 Nativity, led by Y2 and Y1**, which will be available on the website **for parents to share by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. (See class pages for details about costumes) (Keep an eye on Twitter).
- 3) **KS2 – the story of Christmas-** led by **Y3** and supported by prayer reflections and poems from **Y4-6**. This will also be available for parents to share by the close of term. (Keep an eye on Twitter).
- 4) **Christmas Jumper Day** on the last day of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December) and I have been told, **that Santa is going to be in school - virtually. (Children just need normal school uniform with a Christmas jumper over the top or instead of their usual shirt and tie)**  
**Christmas Dinner is also on the last day of term.** The School Council have organised the menu, crackers and banqueting roll. It promises to be fantastic! *More details to follow.*
- 5) **DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS NO CHRISTMAS CARDS IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR-** My Apologies.

## Other news

**Nursery and Reception Parents.** Thank you EYFS parents – nearly everyone responded to our online Induction Survey. A summary of the findings are attached.

**MIST (Online safety pupil led team)** On the school website, you will see the second podcast from our MIST team, this year. Look under the **WEB Zone; Online Safety tab tomorrow afternoon**

**Christmas gifts from parents.** As a precautionary measure, please can I politely request that any gifts are brought in to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December? They can then be stored safely, before staff take them home, avoiding the spread of infection, via packaging etc, across the Christmas period. I hope that makes sense. ☺ Thank you on staff's behalf, in anticipation.

## And Finally...

Please be very aware of your public duty to report to me, via my personal email – [cohara@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:cohara@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk) if your child tests positive between 18<sup>th</sup> December – 24<sup>th</sup> December. That way, I will then be able to inform all other parents of the need to isolate, if necessary. Thank you in anticipation. I very much hope my emails will be empty!

***“Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another”***