



Dear Parents,

Co-Vid update Please be very aware of your public duty to report to me, via my personal email – cohara@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk if your child tests positive between 18th December – 24th 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!

Living our faith. Wow! We are now up to £ 650+. Thank you so very much - on behalf of local needy children. The children, locally, who have benefited, will be in touch soon with their thank you messages, also.

Forthcoming INSET DAYS are as follows: **Monday 4th January 2021** **Friday 12 February 2021** School reopens for all children, on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Toast and School Meals- Parents, you are now able to pay for Toast on the gateway. The new menus for the Spring term will be made available, on the website, shortly.

Christmas Jumper Day is tomorrow. 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 tomorrow.** The School Council have organised the menu, crackers and banqueting roll. It promises to be exciting!

Christmas performances and services- These can all be viewed on the Website, under the Tab "**Christmas Music and Performances 2020**". We hope you enjoy them. Thanks to all for their part in the preparations.

Christmas Mass. Fr Craig has arranged for a **virtual Children's Mass to be streamed into your homes, this Christmas Eve - at 5pm.** Please check the letter attached. It's a great idea. Thank you Fr Craig.

Parents and Communication

All communications from parents are now coming through the main office, in almost all cases, once more. Thank you.

Please avoid the temptation to use staff's personal emails. This supports their privacy and wellbeing too.

Mutual respect for Teaching staff - I am aware that there are a couple of parents whose comments on class pages, recently, are quite short and discourteous, late at night, expecting a response by the next day. I suspect that these were sent in the heat of the moment and look forward to a return to mutual respect for the teaching staff here at St Mary's. I have advised staff in the new year, to forward aggression to me.

Events Communications. Thank you very much. This week has been noticeably quieter – with less requests for information already sent out. It has also been really great to see that parents are well informed about various events, in school. That is great teamwork and mutual respect for busy times and busy people, at its best.

Other news

I am sure you will all be delighted to hear that we have our own Christmas fairy-tale to share with you.

Miss Wood arrived in school, last week with a beautiful diamond ring on her left hand and an even more lovely smile than usual. Herself and her "*knight in shining armour*" are now engaged. We wish both Miss Wood and Chris, all of the luck in the world as they begin their journey together. I know that you will keep them in your prayers, as will we.

(Chris... we are here should you need advice on how best to handle a 21st century girl like Miss Wood!)

And Finally...

Thank you very much on behalf of everyone, for your many lovely Christmas wishes, messages and for the generosity shown in the many gifts staff have received. It is, as always, so very kind of you all.

Please have the best Christmas you possibly can. Enjoy family time and also your own "me" time occasionally. We really will keep you and all of your families in our prayers, please keep us in yours too.

See you in the New Year.

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"