



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we begin Advent this Sunday the focus in school is shifting to this important season.

#### **Reminder: Absence from school**

If your child is unwell, please call the school office on the first day of absence and leave a message using option 2. It is also necessary to send your child to school with an absence note on his or her return to school. Remember when calling that it is important to give a symptom for the illness so that it can be recorded.

#### **Chicken Pox**

We have had several confirmed cases in school. If you are in any doubt about symptoms, please check NHS Direct and then consult your GP if you are still concerned. Children with chicken pox should not be in school until the last blisters have scabbed over.

#### **Winter Additions to Uniform**

It is wonderful to see the children looking so smart in school. Please take time to read the uniform list, especially before buying new winter coats, hats, scarfs and gloves. These must be navy blue or black. We have noticed some children wearing branded hats - this is discouraged. Hewitt's of Croydon stock our uniform. For more detail, visit our website:  
<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschoolstrust.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform%26%23160%3B&pid=29>

#### **Advance Notice - INSET**

The school will be closed to children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December for staff in-service training.

#### **Christmas Fair preparations**

As you will have read in the Trust newsletter from Miss O'Callaghan, we are preparing for our Fair. Don't forget that Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be a Mufti Day. Children may dress in their own clothes and bring in £1 or a bottle for the stalls.

#### **Assemblies**

Yesterday Class 5L launched our Advent Season with a brilliant assembly about hope. The assembly next week will be Class 3B and will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Liam in 3B, Piotr in 3K, Leah in 4C, Dave in 4D, Axel in 5L, Christopher in 5V, Nikola in 6C, Julia and Jack in 6O. The Musician of the week is Wesley in 4D. The Swimmer of the week is Reka in 3B. The Headteacher's award goes to Ashley in 4C.

Best wishes,

A.J. McDonald  
Acting Head of School