

Dear Parents,

Let's hold onto everything that is good and enjoy all that this season of Advent brings – peace, harmony, love, joy.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and KS2 will be walking to Church for Mass at 9.15am with Father Kevin. We would like to leave the school at 8.40am prompt so the back and side gates will be open from 8.20am. If children would like to bring some flowers to place at Our Lady's altar at the end of Mass, please feel free to do so.

Just a reminder of our Nativity performances and Christmas events over the next two weeks:

Reception Nativity - Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am. Teas and coffees in the hall beforehand.

KS1 Nativity - Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December at 10am. Tea and coffee available from 9.45am. Parents will not be able to come on site until 9.45am.

KS2 Christmas Extravaganza - Monday 19th December at 7pm in the hall. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the hall from 6.45pm.

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children - Friday 16th December.

Children's Christmas Dinner - Monday 19th December.

You will have received a Brentwood Catholic Children's Society newsletter yesterday and all tea, coffee monies and donations at the end of the performances will go towards this home charity.

This week some of our KS2 children have been attending the Nursing homes and it is great to see our old people reminiscing about Christmases gone by and enjoying the children's singing and laughter.

A group of families from Our Lady of Lourdes joined Michelle and Neil O'Sullivan at Clapham Common to take part in the Santa Dash Run for Great Ormond Street Hospital. You may remember only this time last year little Aoife was rushed to Great Ormond Street and the school were greatly involved in supporting the family through their very hard time. In Aoife's memory this run has raised an amazing £4252. Donations can be sent to Aoife's Angel via Great Ormond Street.

A reminder that the school closes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm.

Many, many thanks for all your kind words via letters and email over the last week. A Head is only as good as the community she serves, and you are an amazing school/Parish community. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Sullivan

Headteacher