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Dear Parents and Guardians

### Junior School Advent and Christmas Events

As we approach the busy season of Advent we have many exciting school events to look forward to. Please see further details below about each event and be aware that we require you to complete several electronic replies as soon as possible.

#### Christmas Fair

On Tuesday **3 December** the Senior School will host the annual St Mary's Christmas Fair. There will be many fun Christmas themed stalls for both girls and parents to enjoy. A reminder that the Junior School PTA stall is 'toys and books', any donations to the school office will be gratefully received. The Junior School will have the Fair all to themselves between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm, the Fair continues until 4.00 pm.

Your daughter will be taken to the Fair by her class teacher unless you let us know otherwise on the electronic reply. Please also indicate on the electronic reply your intentions regarding pick up from the Fair or walking back to the Junior School for normal pick up time. If you are planning on meeting your daughter at the Fair, it is important that you collect them from a Junior School staff member from the Senior School Reception between 1.30pm and 1.45pm.

Clubs and Twilight will run as normal on that day, as will the minibus Park and Ride services.

#### Carol Service

On Friday **6 December**, will be our much-anticipated annual Carol Service for all girls. Unfortunately, due to over running maintenance works in OLEM, this year the service will take place in the Senior School Hall. The service commences at 4.00 pm and will run for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Parents are welcome in the Senior School dining room (enter via Senior School Reception) from 3.00 pm for mulled wine, tea and coffee. Your daughter will be brought to the Senior School with her class and will need to be collected from her class teacher at the end of the service. **Please indicate on the electronic reply** if you or another named person will be collecting her. There will be no clubs or after school care running on that evening. There will also be no Park and Ride minibus services.

May I remind you that photographs and videos will not be allowed during the service, it is a religious service and it is therefore disrespectful and inappropriate to take photographs or film. You may take photographs after the service.

#### End of Term

The Autumn term comes to an end on Friday 13 December. Singing carols around the tree is now an established annual St Mary's tradition to mark the end of the term. Therefore, we welcome parents into Acton Hall from 11.30 am for tea, coffee and mince pies; carols around the tree will commence at 11.35 am.

Please note in your diaries that on the last day of term pick-up times are:

11.50 am - for Pre-prep and Year 3

12.05 pm - for Years 4, and 6

If you have more than one daughter please come at the pick-up time for your eldest daughter, your younger daughter will wait with her class teacher. As always, I would encourage you, if driving, to please park and walk into the school grounds for pick up. The end of term pick up is particularly busy.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA Mulled Wine and Mince Pie event on Friday 29 November, please read the letter from the PTA for more details. I also look forward to seeing many Pre-prep parents at next week's much anticipated Nativity performances (tickets for which have already been sent to Pre-prep parents).

Please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's class teacher should you have any questions or Dr Degnan in the School Office.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M O'Reilly', written in a cursive style.

M O'Reilly  
Head of Juniors