



**Dear parents: ....** I have been asked by the Governors and am also delighted to inform you that from January 1st Ms. Aoife O'Grady will be acting headteacher of this school for the next two terms. Aoife has been in the school for over ten years and deputy for nine years so continuity can be assured. Everyone in school is equally pleased at this outcome. She will be supported by Jane Heffernan, Head of Cardinal Pole and other serving heads in Hackney. I hope everyone offers their support and best wishes in the time ahead.

That's the good news ..... one of the hardest things as a head running a school during a pandemic is the amount of people offering you guidance, advice or just trying to tell you what to do based on something they read on Twitter. So deep breath as of Friday December 3rd @ 1.00pm the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert is going ahead in the church at 7.30pm. We ask that only 2 parents/carers attend from every household. The church and ourselves would also ask you to please wear a mask during this delightful Christmas Service and if you can please take a lateral flow test 24 hours before. We're going to go ahead until told otherwise.

Christmas Fair is all outside so pretty much risk free and I hope everyone gets to come along as the school will be looking lovely, festive and Christmassy.

Yo Ho Ho ...had to get that bit in....see you all later on might be one of the last Christmas events, who knows.

### Christmas Calendar events still going ahead ... hopefully

December 3rd PA Christmas Fair this evening 4.30pm -7.30pm

December 4th Saturday De Beauvoir Trail morning.

December 8th KS2 Christmas Concert in the Church from 7.30pm

December 14th Reception Christmas Play 10.00am school hall

December 14th KS1 Nativity 2.15pm main hall.

December 15th 10.00am Leavers Mass in the church whole school.  
Somebody is leaving ??

Masks to be worn and tests if possible please.

Children's Christmas Dinners 12.30pm onwards and class parties

December 16th The last day of school for 2021 .... and ....



### Pics of the week...

Must be Christmas Jumper Day December 3rd and PA Christmas Fair this evening 4.30pm -7.30pm



**and finally .....** people been asking how I am feeling about leaving .... honest answer is so busy no time to reflect until next Thursday when please God I can start to think about what is to come in the last week .... played tennis last night for 90 minutes in the freezing cold and thought relax you didn't need to hit every forehand and backhand like a rocket. Stay in the rally and change the pace .....results at the end .... think soon you won't have to read my ramblings and meanderings about the skills test on Masterchef, books and films of the month, the gegenpress versus catennaccio as a style of play, my fears over West Ham and relegation and this weekends incredible Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. .... as in the case of Peng Shuai in China and Hamilton and Verstappen in Saudi the expression money does not talk it screams has never been truer. Happy things are settled with my successor and looking forward to tonight's Outdoor Christmas Fair..... school will look lovely and let's all pray for brighter and happier times ....until then 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas '..... sing along .....