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Dear Parent

As the Christmas season is fast approaching, I wish to update you with some staffing changes which are happening within St Mary's.

As you may be aware Mrs Flanagan, VP of the Senior School and I are taking early retirement as of 31st December 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you the parents and guardians for all the support and co-operation you have given us over the past years with regards to the education and well being of your children. We are forever grateful for this. It has been a pleasure for us both to work alongside such a great staff team, Governors, parents, pupils and the wider school community here in St Mary's. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Roarty every success in her new role as Principal of the school.

Furthermore, two internal temporary Vice- Principals have been recently appointed, Mr Mc Bride (VP Junior School and Nursery) and Mrs Mc Hugh (VP of Senior School and Nursery) who will take up position on 1st January 2024 to assist Mrs Roarty with the management of the school.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 1 st Dec	Santa Daily Mile - pupils dress up in Christmas theme
Wed 6 th Dec	Mass of Commitment for P7 pupils, parents & sponsors @ 6.50pm in the church
Thur 7 th Dec	P1 Christmas Show – ticket only
Fri 8 th Dec	P1 Christmas Show – ticket only
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner – pupils dress up in Christmas theme
Thur 14 th Dec	Melmount Nursery Christmas Show – ticket only
Fri 15 th Dec	Ballycolman Nursery Christmas Show – ticket only PTFA draw for school funds
Mon 18 th Dec	School Pageant (P1-7) @ 1.30pm in the church
Wed 20 th Dec	Nursery finish for the Christmas holidays
Thur 21 st Dec	Special visitor to St Mary's
Fri 22 nd Dec	School finishes @ 12 noon for the Christmas holidays

The school will re-open for all pupils in the spring term on **Thursday 4th January 2024**.

Sandra O'Doherty
Principal