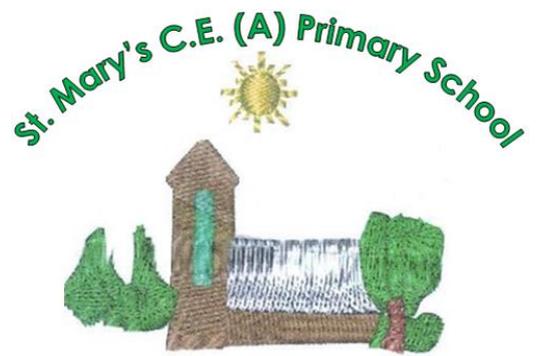


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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We thought it would be useful to confirm what is happening in school for the last two days of this term.

### **Thursday 17th December 2020**

Christmas parties. As in previous years, school will purchase party food and drinks for the parties. Please can children come to school dressed in their party clothes for the day and with this in mind, please ensure they are suitable clothes for playing outside.

### **Friday 18th December 2020**

As we are unable to attend Church this year for our usual Christmas Carol performance, each class will perform a Christmas carol. This will be recorded on Thursday and shared with all classes on Friday morning. Mrs Hall will be leading an internal virtual Carol Concert with all children on Friday morning.

### **Once Upon a Pantomime**

The PTFA have very kindly purchased an online Pantomime which will be shown in each class. We are very grateful to the PTFA for purchasing this as the children have been unable to attend our annual pantomime visit. They will be watching this at some point on Friday and it is called, 'Once Upon A Pantomime'

### **Non Uniform Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Friday will be a non-uniform day, children can wear their own clothes/Christmas jumper and donate £1.00 to Water Aid. Please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for outside play. Year 1 will still have their PE lesson on Friday morning so please ensure children wear appropriate clothing i.e. leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers.

### **Last day of term**

Children will not be able to bring in their own game/toy this year but they will still have lots of fun on the last day of this term.

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As we close for the Christmas Holidays, we reflect on all that we are grateful for. It has been an incredible term here at St Mary's. We have seen resilient children determined to soak up all the atmosphere and learning on offer, grateful for their offer of a fine and remarkable education.

We have seen teachers going above and beyond working endless hours to ensure that children are cared for and have the right learning tools and activities to motivate and stretch and challenge their thinking.

We have seen a dedicated team of support staff that have pulled together against all odds, taken on a vast amount of different roles to ensure that school stays open and children can continue to learn. We have seen a community that has protected and cared for each other, ensuring that those in need are given the help and support they so desperately need.

I thank you all for the continued support you have given the teachers and school staff over this last few months. This has been a school year that you would never have dreamed of. I thank the very dedicated and committed team of PTFA so creatively led by Sam Berry. This unique team of people offer school a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together as a family but also raising those much needed funds to add the extra sparkle to our curriculum. This is more crucial than ever. I am eternally grateful of the opportunities you give our children and thank you for the work that you continue to do. I also thank the guidance and support offered by the Governors in these challenging times

When I think of the meaning of Christmas in such turbulent times, it makes me wonder what it is that makes it so special. It is a tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal and that every path may lead to peace.

**The gift of love.**

**The gift of peace.**

**The gift of happiness.**

**May all these be yours at Christmas.**

Wishing you God's Greatest Blessings this Christmas time and for the New Year. We look forward to our safe return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs S M Hall  
Head Teacher



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