



Christmas 2020 at St Mary's

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas 2020 will undoubtedly be very different from previous years and many of our usual traditions will unfortunately not be possible. However, we are determined to make Christmas at St Mary's the very best possible experience for each and every child in our school and, to that end, the staff have been busy making plans for our Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Productions

Current government guidance means that we are not able to welcome parents and carers into school for our traditional Nativity Play or Carol Concert. This year, the children will take part in a virtual event consisting of a selection of poems, songs and performances which we will film and release to parents during the week beginning 14th December.

Community Events

As we are unable to sing carols for others or host a Christmas Fair at school, we have had to think of other ways to maintain the community links and feeling of a St Mary's Christmas. We are delighted to be joining St Mary's Church in their 'Chessington Shines' initiative and will be sending more information at the beginning of advent on 30th November. Following the success of Mr Russ virtual Sports Achievement Assembly, we are planning some Christmas together times for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 to share and celebrate together as well as welcoming Rev. Scott for some virtual assemblies. Our wonderful PTA group are also busy preparing a Chessington Christmas trail for the children to take part in – watch out for further details!

Some of you have very generously offered to make donations directly to our class funds instead of supporting us by spending money at the fair. We are extremely grateful for any donations that you would like to make and have set up a facility on ParentMail, should you wish to donate. We would like to stress however, that any donations are purely voluntary and there is no expectation on anyone to make a donation. Teachers will use any donations received to enhance our in school Christmas celebrations and will let you know through our class newsletters how the money has been spent.

Christmas Cards

As you will all be aware, we have asked everyone to limit the number of items moving between home & school to an absolute minimum in order to help prevent the spread of COVID19. We will therefore not be able to distribute Christmas cards and regret that we must ask you not to send cards into school with your child.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 2nd December – Little Angel Theatre company will be virtually visiting us for a live performance & workshop. Further details will be sent out separately. **EYFS & KS1**

Monday 7th December – Rev. Scott Edwards will be leading a Google assembly all about Christmas! **EYFS & KS1**

Friday 4th December – Christmas Mufti Day. Children may wear a Christmas jumper, 'party clothes', or a festive outfit of their choosing. We plan to be videoing today for our 'Christmas Production' **EYFS & KS1**

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day – **whole school**

Week Beginning 14th December – Christmas Crafts week – whole school

Monday 14th December – EYFS & KS1 virtual Christmas celebration

Monday 14th December – Christmas Lunch (R, Y1 & Y2)

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)

Wednesday 16th December – KS2 virtual Christmas celebration

Friday 18th December – Term Ends – whole school

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!

Best wishes

The team at St Mary's