

3RD DECEMBER 2020



ST MARY'S C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dream, believe, achieve **CHRISTMAS EDITION**

WELCOME

As we are now in December, we thought it would be a great time to let you know all the wonderful things we have going on in school from now until the end of term.

ST MARY'S CHURCH BAUBLES

St Mary's church will be having their main Christmas services online but hoping to put a lovely light and nativity display outside the front of the church for everyone to enjoy. They would like the children to do some weatherproof baubles or decorations that they could put on the Christmas tree. We will be creating these in school but if you would like to do one as a family, please bring it to school by Friday 11th December. Hopefully over the holidays you will be able to pop up and try to find your bauble with your family and enjoy the ambience. The theme is Emmanuel God is with us, so they are trying to strip it back to the original story so looking for anything to do with the nativity rather than santa, reindeer etc. The deadline is 11th December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

ABM are offering children the chance to have a Christmas lunch, they have the choice of Roast Turkey with stuffing, chipolata sausage and roast potatoes or roast vegetables with cheddar strudel, followed with rice crispy cake all for a cost of £2.40 (Excluding universal infant free school meals) All meals need to be booked via [Parentpay](#) even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. If you have any problems with [Parentpay](#), please see Mrs Simmonds in the office. These need to be ordered by Friday 4th December.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Children will be able to wear their festive jumper over the top of their uniform for a £1 donation towards "Save the Children". Christmas is amazing because you can stop being such a grown-up and see the world like kids do. Even boring things turn into awesome things: like when a smelly old curtain turns into the best donkey the school has ever seen. But the thing is, that magic is there all the time! You 've just gotta look harder. Simple medicine saves lives; food helps kids grow up strong and smart; and books help kids see a whole new world. So that £1 donation might look like just £1. But it could warm some tummies, save some lives, and change the future.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have had lots of parents asking if the children are able to do Christmas Cards this year. Children ARE allowed to do them although we ask if you are able to bring them in the on either the 14th, 15th or 16th December. This will enable us to isolate them prior to giving them out on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December. Unfortunately children will only be able to send cards to children in their bubbles this year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICNIC - 18TH DECEMBER

This year we have to do things slightly differently but Covid will not stop us having a Christmas party for all the children. Children will be decorating a paper bag which will be brought home on Friday 11th December to be filled with goodies they will be able to eat during the party. If you would like to put in things like a couple of biscuits, crisps, a sweet and a soft drink. Children will have lunch as normal so this is as an addition not replacement. Picnics must be brought into school on Friday 18th December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - 18TH DECEMBER

As in previous years children are allowed to come to school on the Friday 18th December dressed in their party wear. Children will take part in various party games and activities throughout the day.

SMILE.....PANTOMIME

During December children will be watching a virtual pantomime kindly paid for by the PTFA. Teachers will be incorporating the pantomime into the children's learning. I am sure the children will be keen to tell you all about this, so keep an ear open.

COVID

To help safeguard our St Mary's families, we would like strongly remind you of the guidelines regarding Covid. If your child or ANYONE in your household have any symptoms, such as a high temperature, continuous new cough, changes in sense of smell or loss of taste. You need to have a Covid test and the WHOLE household MUST isolate until a negative test result is received. If a positive test is received then the child MUST isolate for 14 days from when the symptoms first started.

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CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

After a difficult year, we want to reach out to the families who are suffering the most, bring joy, and hope into their lives this Christmas. Some of our families have lost jobs, have been furloughed, or simply have to make a decision on paying the bills or buying a few nice treats for over the Christmas period. Last year Mrs Jackson kindly donated some food parcels to our families, this year we are asking if families would like to help and donate an item towards the food parcels. We are looking for food items, that are in date, or any unused or unwanted gifts would also be gratefully received. If you need any support or know a family who do, please let Mrs Jackson know. This service is completely confidential.

*All the staff and pupil at St Mary's would like to wish
you a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New year.*