

## **Class Christmas Party Day - Thursday 16th December**

Children will be taking part in party games, fun activities, dancing & having lots of fun on this day. Children are invited to come to St Mary's dressed in their festive/party clothes. More details to follow.

## **Christmas Service - Friday 17th December**

We are planning on holding an outside service for the children to sing carols around our Christmas tree.

## **Christmas Plays**

Unfortunately we will not be able to have our usual Christmas performances this year. Each class will perform part of the Christmas story with readings, carols & songs. We will video these performances & send them to parents via google classroom.

## **PTA Christmas Shop**

The PTA are planning on opening St Mary's Christmas Shop during the last week of term. This is a fundraising event which the children love, more details will follow.

## **St Mary's Christmas Tree**

Keep an eye out for our Christmas Tree which we hope you will see soon.

# **Christmas at St Mary's Catholic First School**



## **December 2021**

## **Christmas events at St Mary's**

### **Elves in big balloons! (ssssh, this is a surprise for the children)**

The little Elves will be back at St Mary's, arriving on 1st December, the children love to see what the Elves have been up to in their classrooms overnight, to see if they have been good or naughty elves.

### **Prayer a day—Advent—Mary & Joseph**

Each day during Advent, we will have our daily prayers & carols. Children will take part from their classes & each day one or two groups will be invited to take part in the hall. If you would like your child to bring home the Mary & Joseph figures for an evening, please let the office know.

### **Carol Singing-1st December**

Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting Culliford House to sing Carols outside around their Christmas tree. Our friends at Culliford have arranged for someone to play the piano and some of the residents will join us outside while others will sing from their living room.

### **Christmas Story night** - Tuesday 7th December 5.45-6.30pm

This is a lovely event which the children (and staff) really enjoy. This year children will move around the school in class groups to the different rooms. They will listen to different Christmas stories & enjoy hot chocolate & treats.

### **Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 10th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/top to school on this day. If possible, they are asked to donate £1 which will go towards supporting the charity 'Save the Children'.

### **Christmas Carol Service** -Monday 13th December 6.00pm (families invited)

We will be holding our annual Carol service on Monday 13th December from 6.00-6.30pm at the Holy Trinity church. We look forward to celebrating with our families. If you are able to join us, please do let the office know—thank you.

### **Journey to the Stable**— Tuesday 14th December

Year 4 will represent the school at this lovely event at the United Church in Dorchester.

### **Picklebottom the Elf**— Wednesday 15th December

Picklebottom the Elf will be returning for a second year to visit all the classes at St Mary's & Haycorns. She will be performing magic tricks for the children, either in the playground or in the hall. She will also be giving the children Christmas treat boxes to bring home.

### **Christmas Lunch**— Wednesday 15th December

The children can have Local Food Links' Christmas lunch on this day, it is very popular with the children, please book a hot lunch if your child would like this Christmas meal. Orders are needed by 8th December on the Food Links site.

**Christmas around the World**—during December parents & staff will be sharing their Christmas traditions from other countries & cultures.