

Haycorns mini Christmas production—*Wednesday 18th December at 10 am*

Haycorns parents are invited to come and watch their children in their Christmas production at 10 am in the school hall.

School Christmas Party—Thursday 19th December

We will be holding our School Christmas Party during the day at St Mary's, children are invited to come to school in festive or party clothes for the day. Please could Reception to Year 4 parents return the separate letter with sandwich selection and payment by Monday 2nd December. Haycorns' children will join our Reception class for part of the day for a small party.

Carol Service—*Thursday 19th December at 6 pm*

We will be holding a Carol Service at 6 pm at the Holy Trinity Church in Dorchester—we hope many families (Haycorns, Reception to Year 4) can join us at this service.

Advent Service—*Friday 20th December at 1.15 pm*

Parents of Reception to Year 4 children are welcome to join our Advent Service at 1.15 pm. Parents are welcome to take their children home after the service, or at normal pick up time, whichever suits best.

Other upcoming dates:

Friday 29th November—Parent Workshop on spelling at 9 am

Monday 2nd December—Year 4 visit to United Church in Dorchester for Journey to the Stable (during morning)

Tuesday 3rd December—Parent Workshop on Maths at 9 am

Wednesday 4th December—Year 4 being recorded by Wessex FM for Sleeps 'til Santa

Friday 20th December— Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2020—Children return to school

Christmas at St Mary's Catholic First School



December 2019

Christmas events at St Mary's

Advent Prayers—*from Monday 2nd December through until Thursday 19th December (excluding Mon 16th & Tues 17th) from 3 pm.*

Parents from Reception to Year 4 are invited to join the children in the school Hall each day for Advent Prayers, this is a really lovely celebration of Advent. You are welcome to join us on a few days or all of the days, whichever suits.

Christmas Stories—*Monday 2nd December 5-6 pm*

Parents from Haycorns and Reception to Year 4 are invited to drop their children off at St Mary's at 5 pm in their pyjamas and to collect them at 6 pm. Children will listen to Christmas stories and drink hot chocolate in classrooms decorated with Christmas lights.

Weldmar Rudolph Run—*Wednesday 4th December— just after morning registration, just after 9 am.*

Parents from Haycorns and Reception to Year 4 are invited to join the children in a sponsored Rudolph Run around the playground (or Hall if wet). This event is to raise money for the local Weldmar Hospice. A sponsorship form will be coming home in children's book bags, even a few pounds from each child will help fund bereavement support sessions for children during their parent's illness. Please bring any money raised in on the 4th—thank you. Children to come to school on this day in warm PE kits with a festival jumper if they have one. They will be given antlers & a red nose to wear and take home.

Book Bus—*Friday 6th December*

Reception to Year 4 children will visit to the Book Bus during the day and parents are welcome to visit the book bus at drop off & pick up times. A leaflet will be coming home in book bags, if you are unable to make a visit to the Bus on this day you could send an advance order for books with the leaflet to the school office. Haycorns' parents are welcome to view the bus at drop off and pick up times as well.

Children are welcome to come into school on this day with £5 maximum to spend on books (please put the £5 in an envelope with your child's name on it) - this is optional. Alternatively you can look at books with your children at drop off & pick up (although this might be busy!)

You can also order books online at thebookpeople.co.uk, please use the Big Book Boost to raise funds for St Mary's if you can.

Nativity Plays— *Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th December*

Reception to Year 4 parents should now know the date their children are performing, a separate letter with tickets and costume information will come home shortly. Haycorns' children will watch our performance during the day.

Christmas Shop—*Wednesday 18th December*

The PTA are running a Christmas Shop during school hours for Reception to Year 4 children. If you would like your child to buy gifts to take home for family members, please return the order form (already sent home) by Friday 6th December.