



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware that it has been reported in the news that schools may close for Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and that Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December could be classed as a Teacher Training Day. Whilst we understand the government's intention in making this announcement, we feel this is too late in the term and too short notice for parents/carers to adjust their working commitments/plans and we are therefore planning to remain open on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

With two year groups returning this will be our chance to have three days where we can enjoy the run up to Christmas as a whole school. We have lots of different activities planned, all organised within COVID19 safe guidelines and it is planned to be a suitably exciting end to what has been a challenging term and year.

If the news as reported by the BBC is confirmed by the DfE later this afternoon we hope to see Year 2 and Year 4 on Monday. A separate note will be sent when this is finally confirmed.

Mr Hudson

### **Christingle Service**

St Mary's Church is arranging a Christingle Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and the children can join in either at church or via zoom. If you would like to attend please email [contactstmaryovingham@gmail.com](mailto:contactstmaryovingham@gmail.com)

If they want to attend at church please let them know how many Christingle packs they would like.

If attending on zoom please let them know how many packs they would like to collect from the church porch on the afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. You will then be sent the zoom meeting invitation.

### ***Diary of Events for next week***

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas cards can be brought into school

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Donations for Miner's Lamp can be brought into school.

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Donations for Miner's Lamp can be brought into school.

Christmas parties for all classes. Children can wear party clothes.

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas lunch day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper.

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of term – non-uniform day.

Christmas cards to be given out.

(There may also be additional surprises today!)

