



Update Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Advent

This week we have focused on the season of Advent and the traditions associated with waiting for 'the arrival of a notable person or thing'. While in my Collective Worship I was thinking about the birth of Jesus, it was interesting that one Year 4 child was excited about the possibility of a Covid vaccination and all that might mean. After a tricky year, we are doing all we can to make these last few weeks in school as joyful as possible for our school community. Next week the countdown to Christmas truly does begin!

### St Mary's the movie:



If you haven't already, do check out our virtual tour. It's available on our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts. The children were all treated to a premiere today and were delighted to see themselves and their teachers on the Big Screen. The staff, governors and I are delighted with the results and think Ruth at Loxo Creative (or Ezra's mum) has done an amazing job.

### Social media – keep in the loop with all our news:

I am aware that sometimes it's difficult to keep up with emails and letters from school but our new social media platforms should resolve all this. Our lovely website is regularly updated with all the dates and information you need.

In addition, our fantastic new Facebook page and our Twitter feed provide updates on all that's happening in school.



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### **Keep warm:**

As the weather has turned colder we have turned up the heating and closed more of the windows and doors. However, we still need to keep all classrooms well-ventilated in order to minimise the risk of Covid transmission. To keep your child warm and comfortable please encourage them to wear extra layers. They may also wear a fleece/cardigan/jumper on top of their usual school uniform.

### **Christmas events:**



*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December* – Christmas Jumper Charity Day (the School Council have chosen Save the Children as their charity) please bring a donation.

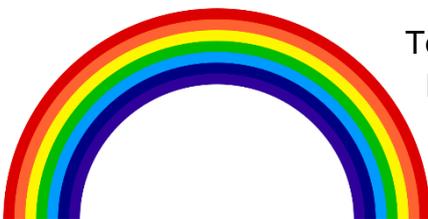
*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December* Santa Jog (all classes) – no money required.

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December* – Aladdin Pantomime Dance Workshops (funded by the School Association).

Week of 14<sup>th</sup> December – many Christmas events.

We will be holding an in-class Christingle Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December –please send your child into school with an orange so that they can make their Christingle.

### **Celebration Assembly:**



Today we celebrated our Special Achievers and our Rainbow Awards. Rainbow Awards are awarded to those children who have demonstrated excellence in their learning or behaviour towards others – they have reached the end of the rainbow!

Apologies to Lucas in Year 6 whose name was incorrectly spelled in the last newsletter. Congratulations also to Jessica, Harriet and Eliza all from Year 3.



### **House Captains:**

I am delighted to announce that the following children have been selected as House Captains and they have already started planning events.

Air: Lorelie and Jasper

Earth: Martha and Lucas

Water: Scarlett and Millie

Fire: Layla and Joseph

### **School Council News:**

*'Our school is a lovely environment to be in where we enjoy learning and have lots of fun.'* (The School Council).

Thank you to everyone who participated in our star competition –it was extremely hard to choose from. Our next event is Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 9th December –all proceeds will go to Save the Children.

### **A message from St Mary's School Association!**

St Mary's School Association is a charitable organisation, run by a small group of parent volunteers. We work hard to raise vital funds, to enhance our children's learning and fun at school. We're always open to feedback and on the lookout for new ideas and enthusiastic helpers. You can reach us quickly and easily by:

**Email:** [stmarys.northchurch.sa@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.northchurch.sa@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** [St Mary's CE Primary School Association, Northchurch](#)

**Website:** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/northchurchstmarys-schoolassociation/index.cfm?event=Shop#.X6RUhWj7SUK>

Plus - did you know, if you shop through [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) Amazon will donate money to us? Just launch the URL, then select 'Your AmazonSmile' from the menu and then select 'Northchurch St Mary's School Association' as your chosen charity.

### **Monday Music:**

It's Christmas all the way from now on!

### **Word of the week:**

Mrs Blackmore's choice: submerged

Defs: cause (something) to be under water, descend below the surface of an area of water, completely cover or obscure

I wonder which one she was thinking of this morning?

*Have a lovely weekend Mrs Osborne and the staff team.*