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Newsletter – 27.11.2020

(Please note some items in our newsletter are repeated due to the importance of the information)

Reports

Thank you for the positive feedback regarding the reports you received this half term. I realise it is not as personal as a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher, but I hope it gave you an understanding of how your child is getting on at school this year. I really hope we will be able to provide face to face meetings during the Lent Term.

Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you to all of the children and staff for wearing odd socks to highlight the effects of bullying and also how brilliant it is to be different. We all looked great in our socks!

COVID Update

St Vincent's Primary had a recent visit from the Health and Safety Executive to review the plans and day to day running of the school in regards to being COVID secure. I am delighted to say that the advisor agreed that the measure and procedures we are following are appropriate. He could see we are doing everything we can to keep our children, staff and wider school community as safe as we can. This visit has also enabled me to consider our day to day plans for St Mary's. We will of course continue to review our Risk Assessments and policies and update you as necessary.

Christmas!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on **Wednesday 16th December**, you will be able to order this as you normally would via Parentmail.

Pantomime

During the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th December**, thanks to our wonderful PTA purchasing a licence, the children will be shown an online performance of Cinderella. I am sure they will really enjoy watching it with their class mates!

Christmas Jumper Day / Class Parties

On **Thursday 17th December** the children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes, if they have a Christmas jumper they are more than welcome to wear this. In the afternoon the children will also take part in some fun activities / games in their classrooms. Please do not provide food this year, our school PTA will provide a small snack for the children.



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Christmas Productions / Services

As we all know, this year we are unable to hold our Christmas productions and Carol Service. We are all obviously very disappointed. I am sure you are too. As soon as we are able, we will do our best to make up for this!

To allow the children to still take part in Christmas events, staff will be posting videos on Class Dojo of the following:

Classes	Event
EYFS (Reception and Nursery)	Nativity Performance
Y1	Nativity Performance
Y2	Class Christmas Assembly
Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Each class to sing a carol

All of the above will be posted on the Year Group Class Story Page during the last week of term. Over the next few days, each of you will receive a message on Class Dojo from your child's teacher asking you to confirm you are happy for your child to be filmed. It is vital you reply to this message as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support, I know the children will love taking part!

Christmas Cards

This year we are allowing children to write Christmas cards **only for children in their class**. Class staff will 'quarantine' the cards before handing them out. Please note the last day for Christmas cards to be sent in is **Friday 11th December**.

After School Club

Please note there will be no After School Club on the last day of term (Friday 18th December).



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Dates for Your Diary
(Please note due to the current situation these dates are subject to change)

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner	
	Online Pantomime	
Thursday 17th December	Wear Your Own Clothes / Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 18 th December	End of Advent Term	3.20
Monday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Lent Term	
Friday 12 th February	End of Lent 1 st Half Term	
Monday 22 nd February	Start of Lent 2 nd Half Term	
Friday 26 th March	End of Lent Term	
Monday 12 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 13 th April	Start of Pentecost Term	
10 th May – 13 th May	Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATs)	
Friday 28 th May	End of Pentecost 1 st Half Term	
Monday 7 th June	Start of Pentecost 2 nd Half Term	
7 th June – 11 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	
Tuesday 20 th July	End of School Year	
Wednesday 21 st July	Staff Training Day	

***Please note due to current restrictions, many of the school events we would normally be holding this term are not currently expected to take place. If the situation changes we will of course share relevant dates with you.**

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