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Newsletter Week 5

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will have already received a letter from the Local Authority outlining that schools will move to blended learning, for all pupils from **Thursday 10th December** until **Friday 18th December**. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will access blended learning through Class Dojo, Years 3,4,5,6 will access blended learning via TEAMS.

To ensure that children can still experience Christmas magic with their friends, before they begin their blended learning at home, the following has been rearranged!

Monday 7th December: Reception / Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert day filming (please ensure you have given consent via the parent mail form or email by **9am on Monday 7th December**)

Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day to raise awareness for Save The Children
Year 3,4,5,6 Christmas Concert day filming

Wednesday 9th December: Non uniform / Party clothes Christmas Lunch (please see menu) and bubble party day. Father Christmas visit (this will be outdoors, social distancing will be in place and all school risk assessments followed by Father Christmas!)

This term has brought its fair share of challenges for us a school, you as families and the community. The children have been absolutely fantastic in their attitude to their learning and the many changes that they have had to adapt to. I am sure they are all on Father Christmas's good list! They are definitely on mine!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff here at St Mary's for their hard work, resilience and positivity. Thank you also to you as parents / carers for your patience and understanding, as we navigate through these very bizarre times. We have felt your support in abundance and it has made all the difference!

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

Mrs P Willis

Acting Head Teacher