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St Mary's

Church of England Primary School

Christmas is coming...shh!

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Dear parents and carers,
Whilst we realise that it's still only October, we wanted to share a few dates and information about Christmas. Get your diaries ready!

St. Mary's Church – Christmas Cards:

This year, we are excited to announce that the children are invited to take part in a Christmas card competition in conjunction with St Mary's Church.

Every year, the church sends thousands of Christmas cards to local residents and this year, the design could be one that your child has created!



A card for Christmas

Send your design for a Christmas card to
administrator@stmaryseastbarnet.org
or hand in to a teacher
before 3 November

Your card needs to
measure 148 x 105 mm

The winning design
will be chosen by the
Bishop of St Albans

It will be sent to over 3000
homes in East Barnet,
wishing them a very Happy
Christmas from Alec and
St Mary's

If your child would like to participate, then all they need to do is design a card according to the specifications (see poster) and either scan and email to administrator@stmaryseastbarnet.org or bring the card into school and hand to their teacher. **Entries need to NAMED** (first and surname on the back of the design) and handed in/emailed **by 3rd November**, so this could be an opportunity to get creative over half term! Designs will be judged by the Bishop of Albans, which is very exciting. The chosen design will be used on the St. Mary's Church Christmas card and prizes will also be awarded to designs in 2nd and 3rd place.

Christmas Productions:

We are looking forward to having our first, live Christmas performances since 2019!

The children in Y2 will bring scripts home with them at half term so they will have plenty of time to rehearse for their nativity. All of the children in YR and Y1 will sing alongside Y2 who will lead the acting.

Y6 will be leading the acting for our junior production, and the rest of the key stage two classes will be supporting with the singing.

Diocese of St Albans
London Borough of Barnet



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



You will no doubt get to learn the songs yourselves as the children will be practising at home!

So that you can plan ahead, here are the dates for the productions:

Infant Nativity: 7pm on Thursday 8th December

Junior Production: 2pm and 7pm on Tuesday 13th December

These events will be ticketed and more information will be shared about this nearer the time. For now, please put these dates in your diary.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: 8th December

On Thursday 8th December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater.

This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time there is a donation of £2, the UK government has promised to give £2 to Save the Children too.

We will share more information about how we will arrange donations nearer the time.



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

St Mary's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 3rd December

We are delighted that the Christmas Fayre is back! This will be a wonderful occasion and we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

As you know, the summer fayre was an incredible event that raised enough funds to help us to replace 4 out of 7 classroom interactive whiteboards. This continues to be a big fundraising focus for the school and coming along to the fayre is a great way to support us to reach this target.



School Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 14th December – more details to follow... very excited to have all 216 children in the hall for a 'staff served' Christmas meal again!

The Children's Society: Give Hope Campaign

At Christmas, we like to support the invaluable work of the Children's Society. Right now, thousands of children are facing abuse, exploitation and struggles with their mental health.

The Children's Society is a national charity that works to transform the hopes and happiness of young people. They campaign tirelessly to create social change that will improve their lives. The Give Hope campaign provides the opportunity for gifts to be purchased for children that need it most. This includes school supplies, books, access to therapeutic support, the gift of some 'time out' maybe to go to the cinema or museum, or the opportunity to enjoy some music. Take a look at the [Give Hope online store](#) or hover your mobile phone camera over the QR code. By donating a gift, you'll support a young person who's really struggling. We will make this QR code available at our Christmas productions too.



A little bit of hope can go a long way.

Yours sincerely,
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