



# Eccleston St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As we are all only too aware, 2020 has been a year like no other and Christmas this year could be quite different from those in years gone by.

## **December at St Mary's**

Here at St Mary's, however, we have been determined to make sure that the children are still able to enjoy the usual festivities – even if we have to do things in a slightly different way. You will know already from the school newsletter that, over the next two weeks, we have scheduled Christmas Lunch and parties in bubbles and we will also be wearing our Christmas jumpers and making Christingles. In addition, we will be holding bubble Carol Services. That's not all we have up our sleeves, though!

## **Panto-time!**

Being unable to make our customary trip to the pantomime, we are doing the next best thing – watching a pantomime online. All the classes will have an opportunity to watch '*Lost in Limboland*' starring *Britain's Got Talent's* very own Steve Royle, during the last week of term. It promises to be a fantastic show and we really can't wait! Thank you so much to the PTFA, who are paying for this treat.

## **Nativity**

We would love to be able to invite you into school to share in our traditional infant and junior shows but, unfortunately, we are unable to do that this year. However, we are preparing, what we hope will be, a wonderful alternative – our very own nativity film! As we wanted to produce a film of the highest quality, we have asked the professional film-maker, who made our school video, to come back and record everyone in action next Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> December.) The finished product will then be available to everyone, on either a USB drive or DVD, before we break up for the Christmas holidays. Please note that these will be encrypted to ensure they can't be copied or shared on social media. This has been done in order to protect the privacy of families who have given permission for their children to be on a DVD / USB but would prefer them not to appear on the internet. If you would like to share the film with grandparents, aunties and uncles etc, please order separate copies for them.

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We very much want the film to be available to everyone so we have decided that there will be no charge. However, if you feel you would like to make a voluntary donation, then that would be very much appreciated. A proportion of the money raised will be used to offset some of the production costs; the rest will be donated to a local charity.

We would be most grateful if you could complete the order form below and return it to your child's class teacher, along with any donation you wish to make (cash or cheque in a sealed envelope, please) by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at the latest. DVDs and USBs will be sent home during the last week of term.

This year has definitely brought more than its fair share of trials and tribulations but we are hopeful that we will still be able to provide a truly memorable Christmas experience for all at St Mary's.

With very best wishes

**J Birchall**  
Headteacher

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### WHOLE SCHOOL NATIVITY 2020 ORDER FORM

Child's name		
Class		
Format	DVD	USB drive
Number of each required		
Donation enclosed	Yes	No
Please tick Yes or No		

NB Cheques should be made payable to **Eccleston St Mary's CE Primary School**



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