



# MANOR COURT Community Primary School

*incorporating* Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Christmas Activities at Manor Court**

As we approach arguably the most exciting time in the Primary School Calendar, we would like to outline the plans that we have for our children this year. These plans have obviously been more complicated this year because of the pandemic, however they will be Covid safe and just as fun for all of the children and staff!

In the children's section of our school website, we have created a Christmas 2020 area. We will upload recordings to this section and share links via our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

### Christmas Trees

A large Christmas tree was placed in both the Library and school hall last Friday so that the children can see it when they walk past. The children have been asked to write on festive coloured card what they are grateful for and place it on one of the trees.

### The Foundation Stage Nativity

The Foundation Stage children have been busily working on their traditional school nativity. As we are unable to welcome family members into the school hall, Mrs Farwell and the Foundation Stage team have recorded the performance and will share this with parents in the next ten days. Please look for an Eylog message to explain how you can access the recording.

### Crib Scene

The Art Council and G&T artists made a crib scene out of clay and Acrylic paints with Mrs Morton and Miss Grabham. This is now on display in the school library and we look forward to enjoying this for many years to come.

### Art Council Advent Calendar

The Art Council have been busy once more and have held a competition in which 120 children designed an advent scene for their online advent calendar. This was whittled down to 34 winning designs and created into an online calendar. Do please find the calendar in the Christmas 2020 section of the children's part of the website and share this calendar with your children each day.

### The online Advent calendar with Staff telling jokes!

The staff team have needed some additional light relief this year and have created their own advent calendar. They have thoroughly enjoyed telling Christmas cracker jokes for the children. These jokes will be individually shared on the school website and through our social media.

### FMCA Christmas fundraiser (non-school uniform day like their very successful break the rule day) on Wednesday 2nd December.

Please support the FMCA in their latest fundraising day and wear something Christmassy to school. The money that they raise is always gratefully received and is providing the financial support for our whole school Christmas Dinner and reindeer visit.



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A recorded Christmas Carol concert at St Mary's for children in Y1-6

We would normally invite family members into St Mary's to participate in our Christmas Carol Concerts. Understandably we cannot do this and we will record the service at St Mary's this coming Thursday and Friday. Once it is made, we will distribute it to parents via Vimeo in two evening viewing slots during the last week of term. This link will be found once more on the school website and shared through social media.

Save the Children Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December.

We will participate in the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day and are asking that children bring with them a £1 donation if they choose to wear their Christmas top.

A Christmas dinner in 'bubbles' on Friday 11th December.

We are delighted that the FMCA have offered to buy a hot Christmas dinner for every child in the school. The children will eat in their year group bubbles and will be served dinner by the staff with Christmas songs playing in the background. Tesco's in Chard have donated at least one Christmas Cracker for each child in the school to have. This will be a wonderful day for each of the children.

Reindeer visit paid for by the FMCA on the morning of Wednesday 16th December.

During the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December a herd of reindeer will visit our school. This will be a truly beautiful experience for each child and the FMCA have purchased a Christmas bell (similar to the bell that the children are given on the Polar Express in the film) for each child.

Virtual Christingle service led by Rev Ann on Wednesday 16th December.

We are delighted that Rev Ann will lead us in a virtual Christingle service during the afternoon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Our friends at St Mary's will be providing each child with the resources to make their own Christingle during the build up to this assembly. We hope that the sweets last until the end of the service.

Panto

During the last week of term a Panto from the MacMillian Theatre in Bridgwater will be live streamed into the school. The Christmas tradition of Children attending a Pantomime can continue.

Christmas parties

The EYC will hold their Christmas parties, with regular guest appearances from Father Christmas throughout the last week of the term. Each class in the main school will hold their Christmas party in their classroom bubble on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Further information will be sent home through the year group email addresses nearer the time by the class teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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