

Christmas Events in an Enhanced Response Area 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You will have seen in our recent communication that Cambridgeshire is part of an Enhanced Response Area. One of the related measures with this status is for “all non-essential events where parents visit schools to be held virtually.”

However, we are keen to keep the community spirit of Christmas alive this winter and would like to update you on what we are able to offer. Please see the summary diary dates below, with information to follow. Risk Assessments for community events will be completed in line with the Cambridgeshire guidance in advance of each activity.

Kind regards,
Miss Clarke & the ESM Team

- * **Friday 3rd December: FoSM's Christmas Movie Night, non-uniform day & raffle** – please see separate letter attached.
- * **Thursday 9th December: Y3 Nativity. Cancelled.** Unfortunately, on the basis of current guidance we are unable to offer community audiences at our annual Nativity production. Our Y3 children will still learn and perform a Christmas production, and this will also be filmed and shared virtually with the Y3 parent community for you to enjoy and share with family (video permissions will be checked via the admissions forms and we ask for any photos or videos including other pupils not to be shared on public sites and social media, thank you).
- * **Thursday 9th December: Y5 choir members** will be invited to join the residents of **Roslyn Court for Carols in the Courtyard, 2pm** (outdoors).
- * **Friday 10th December: Y6 choir members** are invited to sing **carols to the community of Ely in the market square** alongside Team Vicar from St Mary's, Phil Marsh (outdoors).
- * **Tuesday 14th December:** In lieu of our annual Christmas Concert, **families are invited to join us for community carol singing and music**, led by Ms Law and our Upper School Choir at 5pm on the playground, followed by refreshments in the courtyard with FoSMs and friends of St Mary's Church, also, until 6pm.
- * **Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day!** If you haven't already signed up, please follow the [link](#) to book a school Christmas Dinner. Children are welcome to come wearing something festive alongside their normal uniform. Our kitchen team will work hard to provide a traditional Christmas lunch and will keep families posted should supplies mean otherwise.
- * **Friday 17th December:** All pupils are invited to join their school friends, staff and Team Vicar, Phil, for our annual Christmas Service in our school hall this year.

