



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

23rd November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers



Christmas Activities

Christmas is fast approaching and I am sure you would like a reminder as to what is going on and when.

Christingle Day

Children are invited to wear something orange on Friday 4th December when members of St Bartholomew's parish will be joining us in school to help us learn about the significance of Christingle and to help the children make Christingle oranges. The children should be returning their Christingle candle boxes with any loose change collected over the previous week in support of this year's Christmas charity – The Children's Society. We hope that many of the children (with their families) will be able to attend the Christingle service being held at St Bartholomew's Church at 10.30am on Sunday 6th December.

Christmas Fair

Our PTFA Christmas Fair is also being held in the school hall on Friday 4th December at 3.15 pm. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and raise money for the school at the same time. Please come along and join in the fun. Once again we need your help to ensure that this year's event continues to be the exciting, fun filled attraction we have come to expect.

The PTFA would be grateful to receive donations of cakes, mince pies and savoury donations (home baking or shop bought) for the refreshment stall.

Carol Service

On Wednesday 9th December there will be a Church Carol Service at 6pm reminding us of the religious significance of this most important Christian festival. The children will be practising hard over the coming days with their reading, singing and instrument practise. We are hoping that it will, as last year, be a wonderful start to our Christmas festivities. Holding an evening service allows most families to attend, and friends and extended family are very welcome to join us too. We would be very grateful if pupils could wear their school uniform to the service and arrive for 5.50pm. (This event is always extremely popular so please arrive early to secure a seat!)

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Our caterers, Farm Kitchen, have offered to provide a traditional Christmas Lunch on Monday 14th December at a cost of £2.40, which can be booked through www.thefarmkitchen.com (of course if children prefer to have pack lunch on that day they can enjoy that with us too!). **Orders must be placed by Tuesday 8th December midnight latest.**

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Christmas Performances

The Christmas Performance will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 6 pm and Wednesday 16th December at 1.30pm. We ask that children return to school at 5.30 pm ready for a 6 pm start. Refreshments will be served from 5.30 pm and donations of mince pies will be gratefully received. Please send the attached reply slip to the School Office requesting tickets for the performances. We allocate a **maximum of 2 tickets per family in total** but if you require further tickets please indicate how many you require and your preference of performance so your name can be placed on a reserve list. Extra tickets will be allocated on Thursday 10th December. Due to the popularity of this event, entry will not be possible without a ticket due to fire regulations.

Annual Pantomime Trip

The whole school will be going to the South Holland Centre to see Peter Pan on Thursday 17th December. If you haven't already done so, please send your contribution to cover the cost of the trip and your permission slip to the school office.

Class Christmas Party Day – Thursday 17th December

There is a change to Christmas Party arrangements this year. Teachers will be organising class Christmas parties with their children. Each class will be devising their own approach to their Christmas celebrations and agreeing a menu for the party food they would like to enjoy. They will then agree on each child bringing in an item of party food on the day, so that together they can arrange and have the party and the party food they would most enjoy. This will be a wonderful conclusion to a very exciting and joyous Christmas term in school.

The last day of term is Thursday 17th December and school reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Regards

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher

Term 3	Tuesday 5th January 2016 to Friday 12th February 2016
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2016 to Friday 24th March 2016
Term 5	Tuesday 12th April 2016 to Friday 27th May 2016
Term 6	Monday 6th June 2016 to Wednesday 21st July 2016





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Christmas Performance Ticket Request

Please remember that due to the limited space available in the school hall, only 2 tickets per family can be allocated in the first instance. If you would like additional tickets, please indicate this below. Please be aware that these may not be available.

Initial allocation of tickets will be issued and if available additional tickets requested will be allocated on Thursday 10th December.

I would like tickets for the Christmas Performance in the School Hall on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 6pm.

I would like extra tickets if available for the Tuesday evening performance.

Or

I would like tickets for the Christmas Performance in the School Hall on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 1.30pm.

I would like extra tickets if available for the Wednesday afternoon performance.

Child/ren's name