



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Tuesday 8th December 2015

## News in School

Dear Parents and carers,

Preparations for Christmas continue to be the focus for us at this very busy time in school. I know that the children are working very hard to prepare for our Christmas Church service and Christmas performances.

### Christmas Fair

Once again the PTFA did a fabulous job by organising and presenting a Christmas fair that had fun for everyone to enjoy. The chocolate tombola was a traditional favourite and sold out very quickly and due to the high numbers of raffle tickets purchased we ran out of 'yellow' tickets. A very big thank you to the PTFA and to everyone who supported the event. It was super fun for everyone and raised over £370.

### Christingle

Throughout the year the school community supports a range of charity events and the generosity seen to these appeals is a reflection of the school community's Christian ethos and individual kindness. Our most recent charity event saw the school and the parish church come together to raise much needed funds for the Children's Society. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event; those who kindly sought out loose change to place into the Christingle candles in the run up to our Christingle day and those who came along to the Church service. The parish have advised that together the school and the parish have raised over £315, which is nearly three times what was raised last year. Many thanks again to everyone who supported this event.

A few important dates for your diaries.

### **TOMMORROW – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm St Bartholomew's Church**

*We are holding our Christmas Carol Church Service tomorrow at 6pm in the church. This is the whole school community's opportunity to leave the stress and turmoil of Christmas preparations behind and remind ourselves of the good news that is the birth of Jesus Christ our saviour. The children will be leading us through the Christmas story and we will be joining together to sing both traditional and more modern carols. In addition, a number of our talented musicians (including handbell and recorder clubs) will add an extra sparkle to the festivities. The event is open to everyone and is very popular both with the school community and the parish. Children who are in the choir and/or handbell club are welcome to arrive at the church from 5.30pm; children and guests are welcome to arrive from 5.45pm.*

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## Christmas Concerts

If you haven't already applied for your performance tickets please ensure that you do so ASAP, as numbers are limited due to fire regulations. *(Please remember to put your name on the reply slips, we have received a couple without names so are unable to provide the tickets requested.)*

The PTFA have very kindly volunteered to present a refreshment stall at the Christmas play performances. To help them with this, we would very much appreciate the donation of mince pies to be served on the night. If you are able to help out with this please ensure that you leave these at the office.

## Pantomime

We are still awaiting a small number of reply slips for the pantomime trip taking place next Thursday. If you haven't already returned this slip to school please can you do so ASAP. Thank you.

## School lunch orders

School lunch menus for January are now available on the Farm Kitchen Website. Please remember to place your orders for January ASAP (particularly those of you who are eligible for Universal Free School Meals) as we seem to have a small number of children, at the beginning of each term, whose lunch has not been ordered and arrive without a packed lunch.

If you have any questions about the Christmas arrangements please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Headteacher