



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

## St Bartholomew's CE Parish Church Christmas coffee morning

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the St Bartholomew's Parish church coffee morning being held tomorrow Saturday (26th November) 10am-1pm. Refreshments, craft, home-made cards, gifts and tombola will all be on offer. All proceeds to support St Bartholomew's Church.

## Christingle

Today your child will have brought home a Christingle fundraising candle. This year the school are joining together with St Bartholomew's church to celebrate Christingle and to support their Christmas fundraising for the Children's Society. Over the coming week, we would be very grateful if you could collect up any spare change you have around the house (perhaps in the bottom of handbags, under cushions, behind the sofa etc) and pop this into the candle which should be returned to school next Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> December). We will be joined by members of St Bartholomew's Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to help us learn about the significance of Christingle and help the children make their own Christingle oranges. We hope that many of the children and their families will be able to attend the Christingle Service being held at St Bartholomew's Church at 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Carol Service

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5.45pm. (This event is always extremely popular so please arrive early to secure a seat!)

## School Christmas Fair – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

This year's PTFA organised Christmas fair will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, straight after school. Many thanks to everyone for their very kind donations following yesterday's non uniform day. I know the PTFA has already done lots of preparatory work to ensure that the fair will again be a fun filled event. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

## Whole School Christmas Lunch

Our caterers, Farm Kitchen, have offered to provide a traditional Christmas Lunch on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £2.40, which can be booked through [www.thefarmkitchen.com](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> December midnight latest.**

## Christmas Performances

The EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 6 pm and Thursday 15th 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 Tuesday 13th 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 Beauty & the Beast on Tuesday 20th 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 – Tuesday 20th December

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. If your child has any allergies please inform the class teacher and bring in their own named plate.

## Snow Closure

In the event of severe weather we will always strive to ensure that the school remains open, but in the event that extreme weather conditions necessitate the closure of the school we will advise you of this in a number of ways. We will notify parents by text message, update the school website and advise Lincs FM and BBC Lincolnshire radio stations so listen out to their broadcasts or log onto their websites.

The last day of term is Tuesday 20th December and school reopens on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Regards

Mr J Shawley  
Head Teacher

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Term 3      Wednesday 4th January 2017 to Friday 10th February 2017  
Term 4      Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 31st March 2017  
Term 5      Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017  
Term 6      Monday 5th June 2017 to Wednesday 19th July 2017

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



**St Bartholomew's CE Primary School**  
**EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance**  
**Ticket Request Form**

**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 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

I would like ..... tickets for the EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance in the School Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6pm.

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

**Or**

I would like ..... tickets for the EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance in the School Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 1.30pm.

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

Child/ren's ..... name  
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