



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

24th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Carol Service

On Wednesday 6th 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!)

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Our caterers, Farm Kitchen, have offered to provide a traditional Christmas Lunch on Thursday 7th 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 28th November 3pm.**

PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December

Please see separate letter next week regarding the PTFA Christmas Fair.

Annual Pantomime Trip

The whole school will be going to the South Holland Centre to see Aladdin on Monday 11th 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.

Christmas Performances

The EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 6 pm and Thursday 14th December at 1.30 pm. 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. Funds raised will be donated to the Children's Society. 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 12th December. Due to the popularity of this event, entry will not be possible without a ticket due to fire regulations.

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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. 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 by Monday 18th December. We will be joined by members of St Bartholomew's Church on Monday 18th December to help us learn about the significance of Christingle and help the children make their own Christingle oranges. On Tuesday 19th December there will be a Christingle Service at 9.30 am St Bartholomew's Church, parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Class Christmas Party Day - Tuesday 19th 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. **Please note, Farm Kitchen meals will be cancelled this day.**

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. We will also post a message on the school's Facebook page.

The last day of term is Tuesday 19th December and school reopens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Regards



Mr J Shawley
Head Teacher

Term 3	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19th February 2018 to Wednesday 28 th March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018



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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, however additional tickets will be available after the first allocation has been made.

Initial allocation of tickets will be issued and if available additional tickets requested will be allocated on Tuesday 12th December.

I would like tickets for the EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance in the School Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2017 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 14th December 2017 at 1.30pm.

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

Child/ren's name