



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

## Carol Service

On Wednesday 5<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!)

## PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fair in the school hall at 2.45pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Annual Pantomime Trip

The whole school will be going to the South Holland Centre to see Aladdin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't already done so, please send your voluntary 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. If you haven't done so already, please send you reply slip to the School Office requesting tickets for these performances. Due to the popularity of this event, entry will not be possible without a ticket due to fire regulations.

## Whole School Christmas Lunch

Our caterers, Farm Kitchen, have offered to provide a traditional Christmas Lunch on Monday 17<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 11<sup>th</sup> December 3pm.**

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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 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will be joined by members of St Bartholomew's Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December to help us learn about the significance of Christingle and help the children make their own Christingle oranges. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and Twitter pages.

The last day of term is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and school reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Regards

*J.A. Shawley*



Mr J Shawley  
Head Teacher

Term 3	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2018 to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019