

School Newsletter – Christmas Special



24th November 2017

Headteacher News

In order to support parents with the preparation to Christmas season I have decided to include all the key information about Christmas events in this one copy special edition of the newsletter.

Please keep it safe, as you will need it!

PTA Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December 11-2pm

This is the first of our Christmas events please make sure you support where you can. It is usually a fantastic event and a perfect way to kick off the Christmas season.

All age service at St Michael's Sunday 3rd

We have been invited by Reverend Keith to take part in the all age service. Some of the children from Year 6 will be taking part in the service and delivering a reading. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at the service.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Costumes Thursday 7th

Shortly some of you will be receiving letter about the clothing that your child will need for the nativity. Please can you ensure that you send your costume into school in a named carry bag by Thursday 7th December.

Great Kingshill Carols on the Common Sunday 10th

5:30pm outside the Spar

The school have been invited to contribute to Great Kingshill's Carols on the Common. It is important for us as school to be connected with our community and this is an ideal opportunity. Our school choirs both KS1 and KS2 will be sharing some Christmas classics. It is a lovely event and usually very well attended by the local community.

KS1 Nativity Grandparents and Toddler Performance Monday 11th 2:00pm

EYFS Nativity Grandparents and Toddler Performance Wednesday 13th 2:15pm

This year we will be trying something different, we will be holding a separate performance for Grandparents and Toddlers. This will be an opportunity for all Grandparents and parents with toddlers to watch the nativity. This will help to ensure that there is sufficient space in the hall across all performances. We will be asking that younger siblings are not brought to the other performances. We will be offering tea and mince pies at the end of the performance.

Key Stage 1 Nativity to Parents –

Tuesday 12th 2:00 pm / Thursday 14th 6:30pm

An opportunity for parents to come and watch the Key Stage 1 Nativity play. Each family will be allocated one ticket that will be sent home the week commencing 4th December. In order to ensure that all families can enjoy the performance, there will only be one ticket per family per performance. The Fire Regulations that we must adhere to regarding the maximum numbers of people that can be in the hall at any one time, restricts the number of tickets we can offer. We are putting on an additional performance specifically for Grandparents and Toddlers to ensure that as many people can safely watch the Nativity play. Parents will be expected to bring their tickets to the performance. We cannot allow additional children to sit on Parent's knee.

The school will not be swapping or providing additional tickets. Should parents wish to swap or give tickets away they can do so at their own discretion. Please respect this decision, as it will enable everyone to enjoy the performances safely.

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Santa Run – Wednesday 13th

The children from running club will be taking part in their Annual Santa Run at Hughenden.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert – Wednesday 13th 6:30 pm

Miss Prout and Mrs Rebello with the support of the music teachers will be putting on Christmas concert. This will be an opportunity for our Choirs to showcase what they have been learning. There will also be group and individual performances from our school musicians. This is a wonderful event and the talent on display is always amazing so please join us if you can.

School Christmas Lunch & Save the Children Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 14th

Please ensure that you book your child's Christmas lunch, to make the day even more special we will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. All children are invited to come to school in a Christmas Jumper in exchange for £1 donation. We ask that children wear normal school uniform with their Christmas jumper.

Early Years Nativity to Parents –

Tuesday 14th 9:30 pm / Friday 15th 2:15

An opportunity for parents to come and watch the Early Years Nativity play. Each family will be allocated one ticket that will be sent home the week commencing 4th December. In order to ensure that all families can enjoy the performance there will only be one ticket per family per performance. The Fire Regulations that we must adhere to, regarding the maximum numbers of people that can be in the hall at any one time, restrict the number of tickets we can offer. We are putting on an additional performance specifically for Grandparents and Toddlers to ensure that as many people can safely watch the Nativity play. Parents will be expected to bring their tickets to the performance. We cannot allow additional children to sit on Parents knee.

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Key Stage 2 Christmas Church Service –

Monday 18th 9:15 St Michael's Church

We are delighted to announce that this year will be sharing our annual Christmas church service with parents. In order to do this, it has been necessary to split the children into their respective key stages.

The key stage 2 children will be holding their church service on the morning of Monday 18th, all key stage 2 pupils should be dropped at the car park at the church from 8:30. The key stage 2 staff will be waiting to receive them from 8:30. Any parents wishing to join us for the service are welcome to do so and should park in the national trust car park.

Please can you ensure that if you are staying for the service that you fill the church from the back, as this will enable all the children to sit together.

The key stage 2 children will then walk back to school for the afternoon and should be collected at the end of day as normal.

Key Stage 1 Christingle Service –

Monday 18th 2:15 St Michael's Church

This year the children in key stage 1 will be leading their own Christingle service in the church, they will sing carols and tell the Christmas story and the story of the Christingle. This looks like it will be a wonderful service and we would be delighted if parents would like to join us for the service.

We will be walking the children down to the church after lunch. **All children** should be collected from the church at 2:45pm. Parents who are either staying or collecting their children should park in the National Trust Car park.

We hope that this is a positive change for parents and look forward to sharing these two new events with you. Any parents with children at KS2 should collect their KS1 pupils first and then collect their KS2 pupils at normal time.

Reception Christingle – Great Kingshill Methodist Church 2:30pm

Traditionally the children in Reception have celebrated the end of term with a Christingle service, for the first time last year they celebrated this service in the Methodist Church and I am pleased to announce that we will be continuing with



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this, this year. Parents are welcome to join us so please arrive at 2:20pm.

Christmas Parties – Tuesday 19th

All children will be celebrating the end of the term with a Christmas party, these will be held in year groups and could include a special visitor. Children should come to school in party clothes. **No uniform required!** We feel that this is a positive way to end the term.

Early Finish – Pantomime 1:00pm

Traditionally the school finishes at 1:30 for the end of term, this is no different, however a number of parents have asked if they can collect their children early to enable sufficient time to get into Wycombe for the pantomime. This is possible and we ask that parents' wishing to collect their children at 1:00pm do so from the external doors. There will be adults on each door ready to hand your child over. Please email the office if you wish to collect your child at 1:00pm.

Children should be collected from the following doors:

Pre-school and Year R – classroom doors

Years 1 and 2 – Class doors to the playground

Years 3 and 4 – Normal collection door

Years 5 and 6 – Normal collection door

Charitable Giving

Whilst working with our Foundation Committee this term it was felt that we would like to hold a collection at the end of each of our Christmas performances for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The Foundation Committee have decided that the money collected will go to The Wycombe Homeless Connection. I'm sure you will agree this is a very worthwhile local cause.

DVD Sales

We will be selling DVDs of the EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays order forms will be sent out in due course.