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Christmas Events 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the most recent newsletter (dated Friday 12th November), we outlined some of the Christmas events that we are holding this year. Below you will find some additional information about Christmas Plays, services and parties in school.

With regards to parental attendance on site, we have considered recent Covid guidance published by Durham Local Authority as well as assessing the local picture of Covid cases in our school community. As we have had very few cases (to date) of Covid in children and staff, we can invite one parent to attend each performance/service. **However, this is subject to change, should we receive additional guidance from the Local Authority/ Trust and should we have a rise in positive cases in school.**

Christmas Plays

Year 1/2 Christmas Play – THE NATIVITY **Monday 13th December 2:30pm** (one parent for each Y1 or Y2 child can attend this show) -enter via the hall entrance from 2:15pm, face masks must be worn.

Year 5 Christmas Play - LET'S DO NATIVITY **Tuesday 14th December 2:30pm** (one parent for each Y5 child can attend this show) -enter via the hall entrance from 2:15pm, face masks must be worn.

Nursery/Reception Christmas Play – MIRACLE IN TOWN **Wednesday 15th December 2:30pm** (one parent for each Y5 child can attend this show) -enter via the hall entrance from 2:15pm, face masks must be worn. *If your child is not in Nursery on a Wednesday afternoon, they can come into school for the whole day.*

Christmas Play DVDS/Recording

In addition, as we are aware that some parents/grandparents shall miss out on watching these plays, we shall also be selling a DVD of all performances. Each performance shall be recorded by PER Productions the week before and will be **available to buy in school for £10.00.**

An order form shall be sent out next week for you to order copies. This will be a wonderful stocking filler for family members as well as a keepsake of your children's Christmas play. Children shall only be filmed if parental permission has been given.





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Y3/4 Advent Service

This shall be held on **Thursday 2nd December at 2:30pm** (one parent for each Y3 or Y4 child can attend this show- enter via the hall entrance from 2:15pm, face masks must be worn).

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service shall be held in school on **Wednesday 22nd December**. This shall be led by children and will only be attended by children and staff in school.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties shall all happen on **Tuesday 21st December**. The Infants (Nursery to Year 2) shall celebrate in the morning and Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) in the afternoon. Children can come to school wearing their party outfits that day. They do not need to wear school uniform that day. Any Nursery children not in school on Tuesday mornings, can come to school that morning to join in the fun and stay all day.

I appreciate that the timings of the Christmas plays may not suit everyone and that we are not offering an evening performance this year. However, the opportunity to purchase of the Christmas play recordings will ensure that everyone can watch the performances, as well as having a keepsake of the event. We have adopted these procedures in school in light of the guidance from the local authority, as well as being cautious about any potential spread of Covid, particularly so close to the Christmas holiday period.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Catherine Young
Head teacher

