



9th December 2016



Christmas Christingle Service

On Friday 16th at 2pm we will be holding a Christingle service in St Peter's church in aid of The Children's Society. The Children's Society is a national charity dedicated to helping vulnerable children who are in difficulty or danger.

We are well aware that our Children in Need event raised almost eight times the amount we'd usually collect so we completely understand if families feel they are not able to support our Christmas collection this year. Nevertheless we are still sending a candle collection tube home with every family just in case people feel they are able to make a small contribution. Candle tubes can be brought in on Friday 16th to the service or sent it in any time over the next week. It's up to you. If you need a spare, just ask.

To be sure our Christingle remains traditional but is also safe, only children in KS2 will hold real candles. Younger children will still hold their Christingle but the candle will be a battery LED one which the school will provide for the service. We will talk to all the children about safety around lit candles and make sure that all KS2 children know how to light, hold and extinguish their Christingle safely under our supervision.

Oranges, Oranges!

The children will be making their Christingles next week. Please would you be able to donate an orange for your child to use and send it into school **by Wednesday 14th December?** They can hand it to their teacher for safekeeping until we are ready to make them. The children will bring their Christingle home after the service.

Thank you!

Book Orders

If you have ordered books from the front desk, please ensure you pay for them before the delivery day on Tuesday 13th. We are sorry but we are not able to pay for them upfront on your behalf.

New KS1 Sports Club - Wednesdays

A letter is coming home about a new club run by Tim, our school sports coach. The KS2 club he runs is very popular and always has a waiting list of children wanting to attend. With this in mind, we thought it would be a good idea to offer the club to our KS1 children too knowing how much they love their lesson time sports and P.E. Tim is an excellent, experienced coach and we hope the club for younger children will be just as popular.

Lights, Camel, Action! Christmas Performance

There is plenty of room at our dress rehearsal on Monday at 9.30am for anyone who could not get enough seats or could not make it for the performances on Tuesday and Wednesday.

There is a list on the board in the entrance hall showing all the allocated seats. Due to health and safety requirements (the hall's maximum seating capacity), we will not be able to admit any additional adults or children at either performance. Only those with named seats may gain admittance. Every family initially had the chance to book two seats for the performance and the remaining seats were redistributed to those asking for extras once the deadline had passed.

Christmas Party

The school will be holding the annual Christmas party with Father Christmas visit on Thursday 15th in the afternoon. There will be party games and activities for all the children along with some party snacks (dairy-free and vegetarian children will be catered for). There is no charge for the party again this year. The school will pay for the food and prizes and the FOFs will pay for Santa's surprises.

Children may wear party clothes in the afternoon. They just need to bring their party things in a bag to get changed into straight after lunch. Please do not send anything valuable or precious in such as silver jewellery necklaces and bracelets as sometimes in past years these have got lost or broken. Children may wear party footwear and jewellery/hair decorations and/or Disney/superhero costumes if they prefer to.

It's the time to dress up and celebrate!

DIARY DATES

December

Monday 12th – Lights Camel Action dress rehearsal at 9.30pm. This performance is suitable for babies/buggies and younger siblings as well as anyone who can't make the performances.

Tues 13th – Infant Christmas Performance 2pm

Weds 14th – Christmas Lunch and Infant Christmas Performance evening at 6.30pm (children needing costumes to come and get ready at 6pm onwards).

Thurs 15th – Christmas Party

Fri 16th – Christmas Christingle Service in St. Peter's in aid of The Children's Society at 2pm
– *Break up for Christmas holiday!*

January

Weds 4th – staff training day

Thurs 5th – children return to school

Fri 6th – Tennis taster sessions for all classes

February

Tues 7th – Safer Internet Day & Y6 children go to LSHS for a languages taster day

Half-term week is Monday 13th to Friday 17th 2017

Tues 28th – Parent & Carer Consultation evening

Thurs 2nd - Parent & Carer Consultation evening



The staff and governors would like to thank you for your support over the year and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year!