

## St Mary's CE Primary School

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### **Christmas Arrangements: December 2019**

We look forward to welcoming our families to join us for our Christmas celebrations which will begin in early December.

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) Christmas Fair (5.00 to 7.00)**

Further information will follow from FOSM about how you can get involved in supporting this event which always raises significant amounts of money for the school.

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December/Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance**

Each performance will be a ticketed event and a letter will follow enabling you to reserve these. In the meantime, details of the actual times can be found by clicking on the 'Calendar' button on the school website.

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties**

These will be held in the afternoon and details will follow closer to the time.

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (4.00pm)– KS2 Christmas Service and Concert**

We spoke to the children following the evening KS2 Christmas Service and Concert last year and discovered that many pupils were disappointed that they were unable to take part as they could not come back to school in the evening. Some children also shared that it was a shame that, having practised songs as a class, only around half of their class were there to take part so we have discussed ways to make the KS2 Service and Concert more accessible and special for the children.

All children will take part in a candlelit procession from the school to the church, leaving school at 3.45 with the service beginning at 4.00. A range of pupils from across KS2 will lead the worship with stories, readings and prayers; children from Year 3 will be chosen to create a tableau and children will perform new Christmas Carols and songs. In addition, a selection of children from KS2 who elect to learn musical instruments will also perform during the service as will the Senior Choir. All KS2 families are warmly invited to attend this service which is expected to end at 5.00pm.

To help us plan for the event, we ask that **parents of children in Years 3 to 6 complete the reply slip below and return to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. If you have more than one child in these year groups, please use just one slip to respond for all children.

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am)**

We will be holding a Candlelit Church Service for Reception and Years 1 and 2 - families are welcome to attend and join in. Readings and stories in the service will be led by adults and the singing and a Nativity Tableau led by the children.

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#### **For completion by parents of children in Years 3 to 6 only, please return by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

I give my child permission to attend the KS2 Christmas Service and Concert at 4.00pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please circle the option below which is applicable to your child:**

- 1) I am attending the service and will be able to collect my child. Please state how many family members will attend (including siblings): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I am not attending but have made arrangements for my child to be collected at the end of the service.

**Name(s) of children and class(es):**

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)