ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Ms Laura Kelsey BA (Hons), PGCE, CEPQH

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas at St Mark's

As you will know from past experience and from the newsletter, Christmas at St Mark's is a busy but exciting time for the children (and staff)! I thought I would highlight some of the main events so that you are aware of any requests in plenty of time.

Monday 6th December

Pantomime – 1.30 pm A performance of Dick Whittington. We are requesting a Voluntary Contribution of £4 per child to cover the cost. Please complete and return [Pantomime Consent](#) to the School Office by Friday 26th November. If payment would prove difficult, please speak to Ms Kelsey in confidence.

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th December

KS1 Production of 'Hey Ewe' Fern and Bluebell Production at 2 pm. Children in Bluebell will be part of the Chorus. Any requests regarding clothes for this event will be sent by Mrs Price/Miss Mitchell nearer the time. Both Productions will be a ticket only performance. The tickets will be based on 2 tickets allocated per family – the letter to request these tickets will be going out on Monday 8th November. Seating position will be allocated with the ticket. If there any tickets not allocated in the first round, we will then be able to offer further tickets to any parents who may be interested.

Friday 10th December

FOSM Christmas Fayre 3pm Many exciting stalls are planned so please come and join the fun. Please note the earlier time of 3pm so come along at 3pm to collect your children and go straight into the Christmas Fayre – FOSM hope that this will allow all families to attend.

Please note: there will be no Sunset Club this evening.

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Monday 13th December

Carol Service. This takes place at 6pm in the Church and is mainly for KS2 children although other parents/siblings are very welcome to join us.

Thursday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day. All children to wear a Christmas Jumper/clothes and donate to Save the Children on this day.

Christmas Dinner: all of KS1 (Bluebell and Fern) will be entitled to this meal as a matter of course as will other children entitled to FSM. Attached is a letter from Mrs Richardson asking you to let the school know if you would like this meal for your Bluebell/Fern/FSM child. If we do not have the numbers by **9am** on **Friday 23rd November** we will be unable to provide your child with a hot school meal. **KS1 Children and FSM children only** Please click here to confirm if your child would like your child to have a [Christmas Lunch](#) If your child is in KS2 (Bramble & Laurel) you will be required to go onto Chartwells website – www.mealselector.co.uk to order a Christmas meal for your child for that day. This will be needed to be done by Friday 23rd November.

Christmas Parties We will be holding parties in class that afternoon.

Friday 17th December

Christingle Service 1:30pm. All are welcome to join us in the Church for our Christingle . All Bluebell children will be performing at tableau of the Nativity. **We ask that parents kindly provide us with an orange for their child by Monday 13th December.** We will provide all the additional bits and pieces and make the Christingles with the children. You will also receive a 'candle' from the Children's Society which we ask you to fill with small change (not foreign currency please) and these are then presented in the service. We will send these home week beginning **29th November.** Please can they be returned to school week beginning **13th December.**

We will be finishing school after the service so if you are not attending, please pick your children up by 2:30pm.

I think that's about it – please do ask your child's class teacher for any further information regarding any of these events and we look forward to joining with you to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Kelsey (Ms)

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