



ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

14th November 2019

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.

Friday 6th December

FOSM Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm Many exciting stalls are planned so please come and join the fun. St. Mark's church will be open from 2:30pm for parents to take their children to do some Christmas activities to allow the FOSM to set up for entry at 3:30 so you may collect your children at 2:30pm on that day.

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Production of Sparkle 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 Cox/Mrs Nixey nearer the time. Both Productions will be a ticket only performance. The tickets will be based on 2 tickets allocated per family (see separate letter). 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.

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Production of Sparkle 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 Cox/Mrs Nixey nearer the time. Both Productions will be a ticket only performance. The tickets will be based on 2 tickets allocated per family (see separate letter). 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.

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Slaugham Carol Service - All year 5/6 will be attending St Mary's Church, Slaugham to sing for the elderly residents who are attending a Christmas Lunch.

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day. All children to wear a Christmas Jumper and donate £2 to Save the Children on this day.

Panto: All children will be able to watch a performance of Dick Wittington (see separate letter).

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 22nd November** we will be unable to provide your child with a hot school meal. I am attaching a cut off slip for Christmas Dinner. 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 22nd November**.

Christmas Parties: 1pm - we will be holding Parties in the afternoon. Please bring Party Clothes for children to change into.

Monday 16th December

Carol Service. This takes place at 6.30pm in the Church and is mainly for KS2 children although other parents/siblings are very welcome to join us.

Friday 20th December

Christingle Service. All are welcome to join us in the Church at 1:30pm 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**



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Monday 16th 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 **25th November**. Please can they be returned to school week beginning **16th December**.

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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For Free School Meals Children in KS2 and KS1 children entitled to UFSM.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Meal

I still want my child to have a Christmas Meal

I will provide my child with a Packed Lunch on this day

Name of Child:.....(please print)

Class.....

Signed:.....Date:.....

