



18th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Christmas 2021

Productions: We have been finalising our plans at school to organise our Christmas festivities, creating ways to allow families to come into school to enjoy our nativity productions and singing in church.

We have spent time creating a risk assessment, which includes the limitations placed upon us by Covid-19 and our restricted space with no hall, following the flood earlier in the year. We must be mindful to limit the number of adults and children mixing, but at the same time, hopefully allow all children to have one session where their adults can be present and where they can watch their Christmas drama work and music together.

This year we have two Nativity productions: An Acorn Class production and another with children from Oak and Beech Classes.

- Each production will be filmed beforehand and shown and shared with the children in the classroom.
- Each viewing will only contain the children whose parents/carers have tickets to see the showing on that time and day. This reduces the mixing of families and the number of people in a classroom at any one time.
- Children will be able to have two adults present at a viewing and there will be no extra tickets. Each family can choose the session they attend, although it is organised on a first-come-first serve basis.
- Families cannot have one ticket for one viewing and another ticket for the second viewing as this increases the mixing of more families.
- There will be no charge for performances, but we will have a donation bucket at each performance for our chosen charity: Josephine's Star (a Somerset charity which supports children with bereavement: www.josephinesstar.org.uk).
- Please look out for the questionnaire link to request tickets: we will ask you to state your first and second preferences.
- Further details and costume requests will be sent out closer to the date.
- All productions will be available to view at home after the events in school, so that those isolating or wider family groups can see the performances.
- To ensure all families get to see the production, and to abide by Covid-19 restrictions, we ask that all parents/carers only attend after having a negative lateral flow test within 24 hours of the event and they also wear a face mask.
- All children in school will get to see the performances virtually.
- Covid-19 restrictions may also require us to cancel this event at short notice.



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Reception children are presenting **Christmas Counts** and the three showing times are: Wednesday 8th December at 10.45 am or 2.45 pm, or Thursday 9th at 10.45 am. Performance will last approx. 30 mins.

KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are presenting **Hey Ewe**, and the three showing times (separate for each year group) are:

Y1: Monday 6th December at 2.30 pm, Tuesday 7th December at 11.45 am or 2.30 pm.

Y2: Wednesday 8th December at 11.45 am, Thursday 9th December at 11.45 am or 2.30 pm.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) are singing carols and songs in St John's Church on Friday 17th December at either 9 am or 9.45 am. Each class only has one live performance:

Year 3 & Year 5 at 9am and **Year 4 & Year 6** at 9.45am.

Please remember all children will only be able to have their two adults together at one showing.

Friday 17th December is also Christmas jumper day and all children and staff can come to school in their school uniform along with their Christmas jumper. This can also be a jumper decorated in a Christmas style. All proceeds are again being collected this year for Josephine's Star and this day will be set up on parentpay for donations.

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

Our school Christmas tree is being decorated on Wednesday 1st December. Please can children make a decoration and bring them in by Tuesday 30th November. The Eco-warriors would like us to focus this year on decorations made from recycled or sustainable products. A little tip I learnt: use sugar and water as it leaves an icy glisten when it dries 😊.

Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church – We will be decorating a tree in the village church this year; we will send more details in the newsletter to explain when the festival is open.

This year our school **Christmas dinner** is on Wednesday 15th December. Please book by Friday 3rd December on parentpay if your child would like Christmas lunch. The options are roast turkey or vegetarian sage onion, cranberry & cheddar plait.

Christmas party, disco and class visit from Father Christmas

On Friday 17th December, each class will have a Christmas party in the afternoon with a virtual visit from Father Christmas, party games and a class disco for years 1 -6. Mr Bowditch-Taylor will be setting up his decks in the library so that all classes can enjoy the music in their classrooms. Please can we ask that you send your child with an extra festive snack on this day to eat at the party. Thank you.

Christmas cards – This year, each class will have an evening craft session to allow them to make a Christmas card to take home. More details will be given in the newsletter.

Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

