

Dear Parents and Carers,

25th November 2022

We are now in the lead up to Christmas and there are a lot of things for the children and yourselves to look forward to in the next few weeks.

This letter is to explain the activities you might like to join us for. You'll have already seen them on previous newsletters.

For the Early Years and Key Stage 1 performances we are requesting that you attend only one of the performances (there are two on offer) and that only 2 adults attend this.

Early Years Christmas Performance (Reception and Pre-School)

These will take place on **Wednesday 7th December**

Either: 9:15 or 2:15



Key Stage 1 Nativity (Year 1 and 2)

These will take place on **Thursday 8th December**

Either: 9:15 or 2:00

We are not going to do tickets for the performances but will expect only 2 adults for each child at one performance. This way we can ensure there is enough room in the hall for everyone.

We then have the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on the last day of term – 20th December (Y3 to Y6)

All children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in this and this year we'd like to invite their parents to join us. I know many of you who have had the opportunity to attend this in the past have thoroughly enjoyed it and have missed it when we've not been able to invite you.

The arrangements will be as follows:

All Key Stage 2 children to meet at St. Margaret's Church in Tanfield Village – parents to bring them there instead of school that morning, arriving between 8:40 and 8:50 and bringing the children to the hall which is near the church on the opposite side of the road.



Parents then take their seat in church ready for the service to begin. The service will start as soon as we are ready – probably between 9:15 and 9:30.

Parents who are attending can bring younger siblings as once the service is over, the children who have attended the church service will be able to go home.

Those children who do not have an adult there will come back to school for the rest of the day.

Any younger siblings who do not attend the Carol Service will not be allowed to be picked up from school after the service.

The other event we'll be inviting you to attend is our Christmas Fair on Monday 19th December – after school.

We're going to be planning this in the next couple of weeks and once we have more details I will write to you again. If you would like to attend, you need to keep 3:30 until 4:30 on Monday 19th December free so that you can come and enjoy the Fair.



Instead of monetary donations for our Non-School Uniform Day next Friday, we would like to ask for donations of bottles for a bottle stall (any bottle – wine, shower gel, squash, bubble bath etc.) or items for a tombola stall (anything... chocolates, games, toys, books, stationery etc.).

We hope you can support us with this.

The money we raise through the Christmas Fair will be used to subsidise costs for all children throughout the year. This will include paying for the Early Years and Y1 Christmas Show 'The Clumsiest Christmas Elf' and the Christmas Concert by the Durham Music Service.



I'll send another newsletter soon reminding you of the other events in the lead up to Christmas.

Many thanks and we look forward to welcoming you all into school over the next few weeks.

Kay Hemmings
Head Teacher