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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas

Having listened to feedback about our Christmas productions and having discussed them in detail with the school staff, I can confirm that we will be undertaking our usual programme of Christmas plays at school this year.

It has always been our intention to undertake a Christmas service which would give all of our children the opportunity to perform and take part in something that is special to pupils, parents and staff. Our original decision to hold our Christmas production at St Mary's Church was borne out of the overwhelming positive response we received last year from parents about the service and the special environment that added to the festive atmosphere.

This year, the productions will be held in the school hall on the dates listed below.

Monday 2nd December. 1.30pm: EYFS/ KS1 Dress rehearsal (for grandparents and children under the age of 2 years)

Tuesday 3rd December: 1.30pm EYFS/ KS1 production

Tuesday 10th December: 10.30am KS2 dress rehearsal (for grandparents and children under the age of 2 years)

Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th: 6.30pm: KS2 productions.

The governors and I are committed to supporting the work life balance of our school staff so please note the slightly earlier start time of 6.30pm for the KS2 productions and that tickets will be strictly allocated to ensure that we are compliant with fire regulations.

The KS2 productions will be led as usual by pupils in Y5/6 and supported by pupils in Y3/4 as the chorus. The EYFS and KS1 production will follow its usual format.

As ever, there are limited main parts and pupils will be asked to audition for them. We also realise that pupils may be disappointed if they are not allocated one of them. Please help us to support your child if this is the case and to encourage them to take an active part in the production in whatever capacity they are involved.

We also realise that for some pupils, performing in a production and the change of routine that is inevitable during rehearsals, is an anxious and worrying time. Please be assured that we will try to mitigate the impact upon your child and support them if this is the case. Please see your child's teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you to several parents who have offered their help with the productions. This would be a great help as we can no longer release TA's from their classes. We are looking for people to use their artistic talents in constructing and making props and costumes and in helping us to photocopy numerous scripts for pupils to learn (it's a huge job...Oh yes it is!!)

If you are available please contact me or your child's teacher or pop into the school when you have a minute and let me know what you can offer and the times you may be available.

I'm sure that you will enjoy our productions again this year and that you will help us to celebrate the many talents, abilities and enthusiasm of our pupils this Christmas. More details will follow at a later time regarding productions, rehearsals and ticket information.

Kind Regards

Mrs Gill Price

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