



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we head into December next week we thought we would outline some of the things we are doing in relation to Christmas.

Christingle: Friday 1st December

Years 1-6 will be attending a service in the church. 

The service will be in the morning this year. We are aiming to arrive at church with the children by about 9am so the service will start shortly after that. Last year lots of parents/ family members joined us. It is a really nice service to get you all into the Christmas spirit so hope to see you there.

Halesowen Christmas Tree Opening: Monday 4th December

This year years 3 and 4 will be joining many other schools in the local area in singing carols in the town centre. The mayor will be there doing a short speech. We will be walking the children to town and back afterwards - so children will be collected from school as normal. The singing is due to start at 2.15 and finish at 2.45. Please note, we may be a little bit late back to school (we may not). Your Annual General Consent covers this but don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Feel free to join us if you are around.

Halesowen Township Carol Concert : Wednesday 6th December

Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Halesowen Schools carol concert on Wednesday 6th December during the afternoon. They will join other Halesowen schools to sing a number of songs and some children may be chosen to do readings. They will be back to school before the end of the school day. Your Annual General Consent covers this but don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

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Christmas Story night for Nursery and Reception- Wednesday 6th December

We are holding a Christmas story session. Your child is invited to bring **one grown-up** back to school at 4.15pm on the above date to join us for Christmas stories and Christmas snacks. Due to space in the room, we are asking that no siblings attend. This will make this extra special for the Nursery and Reception children as it is just for them. We hope you can support us on this. We also ask that to make it even more fun for the children that they wear their pyjamas (adults can too!) This should be a special time you can spend with your child so we hope you can join us. We anticipate it should finish by 5.00pm

Christmas dinner: Thursday 7th December

We are again making a big deal of our Christmas dinner this year, with Christmas crackers, table decorations and festive music to make the occasion really special. Please note that ALL children that are entitled to a Free School Meal are entitled to a free Christmas dinner including Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Numbers need to be finalised by Monday 27th November at the latest so please send in your letters or a meal cannot be provided.

Sharing session Key stage 2- Monday 11th December

On Monday 11th December parents of children in years 3,4,5 and 6 are invited to come in and look at an exhibition of work the children have been doing in their topic session this term. Please arrive at the school office at 2.15pm.

Christmas Nativity: Wednesday 13th December 1.45pm and Thursday 14th December 9.30am -

The Nativity performance for Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. We will again be using a ticket system this year. Please see the separate letter for requesting tickets. Reminder: It is 2 per family not per child.

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Nursery and Reception Parties- Friday 15th December

On party day it is non uniform day for Reception- they can wear their party clothes and we ask you pay £1.00 contribution towards the party. . **Nursery is closed in the morning.** All Nursery children should come ready to party in their clothes at 12.30.

All parents from Nursery and Reception are invited back from 2.15 to 2.45 to take their child to visit Santa. Children can go home after they have seen Santa. Please note older siblings in school cannot leave early.

Year 1 and 2 Christmas party- Friday 15th December

Years 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Friday 15th December. This day will be a non-uniform day for these children and we will be asking for a £1.00 contribution for this to go towards paying for the party.

Pantomime Trip Year 1 and 2 Monday 18th December

Years 1 and 2 will be going to the Palace Theatre, Redditch to watch Snow White. Children will be going in the morning and will be back in time for lunch. They need to wear school uniform and don't need to take anything with them. We will provide a snack and drink.

Key stage 2 Christmas Parties: Monday 18th December

Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Monday 18th December. This day will be a non-uniform day for these children and we will be asking for a £1.00 contribution for this to go towards paying for the party.

Carol Concert: Tuesday 19th December

The school carol concert will be held at St John's Church starting at 2.00 pm. This is always a lovely occasion led by the children. We would love to fill the church this year so hope you can all find time to come along. After the service children should be collected from church. As safety is always our main concern, please bear with us as we dismiss the children. If your child does not attend church please collect them from the main office at school. Please note on this day

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nursery will be closed but parents are welcome to bring children to the church to join us.