Langar C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas Events 2021

Nativity

We are thrilled to be able to invite Reception and KS1 parents to our nativity performance this year. This will take place in church at **10.30 on Tuesday 14**th **December**. We are conscious that many local schools are not doing live performances again this year, due to fears about the spread of Covid-19 just before the Christmas holiday. We acknowledge this, but feel that the mental health of our families is equally important and wish to create a safe semblance of normality to contribute to this.

The church is large and airy, with good ventilation but we are going to limit the number of people in the building to 145 to limit the risk of viral spread. Each child in key stage 1, will be given two tickets for the performance. These can be used for parents, siblings, grandparents or friends. Only those with a physical ticket will be permitted to come into the performance as we will have provided seating for the correct number of audience members. These tickets will be sent home the week before the performance.

We will also release a filmed version of the nativity performance on the same day as the live one, to ensure anyone who wants to watch it will not miss out. This is a wonderful moment to share with your children, especially those who are in it!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is taking place on Tuesday 14th December. We have decided not to invite members of the community to the lunch this year as it feels too high risk. Children are asked to wear Christmas accessories on this day, such as headbands, hats or tinsel.

Carols Round the Tree

Children are invited to wear party cloths and/or Christmas jumpers on the last day of term.

Carols Round the Tree will take place at the usual time of 9.00 on Friday 17th December. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get festive; singing carols and Christmas songs and listen to our musicians perform.

This year we will be holding it on the playground, with refreshments of mulled wine, hot drinks and mince pies. Each class will come outside to perform one song, and a selection of musicians will play too. Please bring umbrellas and waterproofs if it is raining; children will perform from the shelter outside of class 3. The festivities will continue for the children in the hall.

Christmas Parties

The final afternoon of school is traditionally children's Christmas parties. These will be hosted in classes this year.

Fundraising

We will be holding a winter raffle to raise money for school funds. We use these funds to provide experiences for the children beyond the national curriculum, such as buying a basketball ring, paying for the theatre company last year and author visits and workshops. The prize will be a 'cosy night in' hamper and tickets will be available to buy throughout December for £1 each. The raffle will be drawn during Carols Round the Tree on the last day of school.

Reverse Advent Calendar

We use Advent to get our hearts ready for Christmas. One way of doing this is to think about others as well as ourselves during this season. This year we will be raising money for The Rosie May Foundation. As a local charity, that is globally reaching, this is one we would like to support. The children will be able to tell you more about the charity and the work they do after the assembly that the charity are coming in to deliver on Friday 26th November. Children will receive a tube of Smarties that they may enjoy, in exchange for them filling it with coins throughout the Advent and Christmas period. These will be collected just after Epiphany on Friday 7th January.

We look forward to sharing these festivities with you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown