

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Christmas is coming.....

The Christmas tree arrived in school this week and I must say it looks wonderful in the hall. There has been a definite air of excitement building in school as the children have been involved in Winter / Christmas maths mornings, Secret Santa shopping and rehearsing in earnest for the Xmas performances!

Christmas Performances

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding tickets for the shows next week. As you can probably appreciate, it is quite some feat trying to satisfy everyone, especially with limited numbers of tickets for each show due to fire regulations! Mrs Richardson has done a fabulous job keeping track of everyone's requests for tickets.

In the past, we have put both KS1 and KS2 performances together but this created quite a lot of issues. During evening performances, it meant the key stage 2 children had to sit waiting to perform for quite some time, all the while in virtual silence so as not to disturb the performance of the younger children. Then the youngest children had to be entertained by school staff for well over an hour, when tired, whilst their older siblings put on their show. We have also had issues with selling out of evening performance tickets in the past, only to be left with half the seats empty when parents of KS1 children left the hall after their own child's show. We have therefore decided to try an alternative this year by putting on separate shows. We appreciate that the initial restriction of 2 tickets per family may have caused some anxiety but the vast majority of people have ended up with 2 tickets for each of a KS1 and KS2 performance, if that is what they wanted. **YOUR CHILD SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HOME THEIR ALLOCATED TICKETS TODAY.**

Staff have requested that children coming for evening performances **should arrive at school at 5.30pm, but not before**, as staff will not be available to supervise children until then. All children should come into school through the door they usually use to enter school in the morning. Children can be collected after the show at their usual exit, apart from Y6 who will leave via the resources room door onto the car park, to avoid congestion.

Christmas Carol Service

Please come and join us for our carol service at the church at 1.45pm on Thursday 17th December. If you are able to help walk with classes to church, please let your child's class teacher know.



Dates for Your Diary

10th December - Threadgold theatre company in school to give performances to children :
KS1/FS2 - The Gingerbread Man, KS2- A Christmas Carol

MORE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:

Performances will be as follows:

11th December - 3.30-5.30pm School Christmas fair

7th December - **KS2** Evening Christmas Performance #1 **6pm start**

8th December - **KS1/FS2** Evening Christmas Performance **6pm start**

9th December - **KS2** Daytime Christmas Performance **10am start**

9th December - **KS1/FS2** Daytime Christmas Performance **2pm start**

9th December - **KS2** Evening Christmas Performance #2 **6pm start**

OTHER- please note we have swapped **KS1** and **KS2** parties from the date planned in September to those given below:

Monday 14th December -**KS1 & FS2** Christmas party

Tuesday 15th December - School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 16th December- **KS2** Christmas Party

Thursday 17th December - Carol Service at church 1.45pm - all welcome

School Xmas Fayre

The annual school Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 11th December from 3.30 - 5.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. However, staff will be very busy manning stalls and will not be able to supervise any children.

Many thanks for your generosity in sending in lots of wonderful gifts for the tombola stall today. It is very much appreciated.

If you are willing and able to bake any goodies for the cake stall, please can you send them into school on the morning of the fayre? If you want tubs, plates, trays or boxes returning, please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.

Tickets for Santa will be sent home next week. You will be given a time slot in which to see Santa. It is advised that you only go at the time specified to avoid unnecessary queuing. If you still want tickets to visit Santa, call into the school office.

We have also sent raffle tickets home and appreciate your support in selling them. Don't forget to send your cash and ticket stubs back so that they can be entered into the prize draw. Tickets will be drawn on the evening.

Chrismaths

Thanks to all the parents, carers and extended family who came in to join in with the fun during Chrismaths day this week. Mrs White has had some really lovely feedback from both the parents and children. One child has suggested an Easter themed maths day next year.... Watch this space!