

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,



We have all been busy this week making Christmas displays for the Hall and other Christmas-y things. The lights on the tree will be turned on just before the end of school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. You are welcome to come into the Hall to share the 'excitement'!

## CHRISTMAS PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

### COSTUMES

Each child has been given a costume to bring home and **we are asking you to make sure that it fits and is in good condition for the performance.** All children should bring their costumes into school (in a named bag) **by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

### PERFORMANCES - in the Church

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

#### First Performance (Dress Rehearsal) at 2.15 pm

This is an opportunity for parents to bring their pre-school children to enjoy the show. The school and Governors request parents to try to bring younger children to this performance rather than to the evening one.

Children attending Shipham Pre-School will be there to watch. Children will be brought back to school and collected from there at 3.15 pm. Costumes will come home with them.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Evening Performance at 6.00 pm

Children – wearing their costumes – to arrive at church between 5.30 and 5.45 pm.

Please note that no kind of camera (including mobile phones) may be used during the performances. There will be an opportunity to take photos at the end of each performance and photos will be taken by us which will be available either electronically or as prints for a small charge.

Please return all costumes – in good condition – to the school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN LUNCH**

As is now customary, Class 2 and Class 3 children will perform some songs at the Save the Children lunch at the Village Hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### **FOSS FAMILY QUIZ**

FOSS are holding a family quiz on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 6.15pm – 8pm at the school. Tickets are priced at £5.00 per family which includes free squash, mince pie and a small gift for each child. Refreshments available. Tickets from Shelley Frost or Helen Carroll.

### **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

The FOSS and pre-school hamper raffle draw will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the school at 3.15 pm.

### **DROP-IN SESSION** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 pm

Our **Parent Family Support Adviser**, Bev Meredith, will be at the school from 2.30 pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December and welcomes visits from anyone who would like to talk over any concern they may have. She is an independent and confidential 'listening ear' and has knowledge about and access to other sources of help and advice. If you would like to contact her but cannot make that day, you can phone her on 07825 904 295.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Fairlands are providing a hot Christmas lunch and all children are encouraged to join in. A booking form and menu is attached. Please return by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The lunch is £2.10. Children may bring party clothes to school that day. There are games in classrooms in the afternoon and presents from Santa usually mysteriously arrive in my office that afternoon and will be distributed by FOSS members just before the children go home.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at the church at **2.30 pm**

Please join us for a short service of traditional carols and some readings.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day. No school for children.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Term starts for everyone.

Yours,

A. Gwynn