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Dear Parents,



It's beginning to feel like Christmas in school. There's glitter all over the floor! The hall display should be up by Friday – please come and admire. I hope you have also noticed the school's decoration in the village telephone box. Mrs Johnson has masterminded this and it looks great.

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 7th December.**

PERFORMANCES - in the Church

Wednesday 9th 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 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 10th 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. We are hoping that a DVD will be made which will also be available for sale.

Please return all costumes – in good condition – to the school by Friday 11th December.

PE KITS

The focus for PE this term has been ball sports, and as the weather is getting colder could all children please bring in dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings to wear for PE outside.

SAVE THE CHILDREN LUNCH – Friday 11th December

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 11th December.

FILM – Wednesday 16th December

The Shipham Film Club has offered to screen a film for the children at the Village Hall. So on Wednesday 16th December we will all go up there to watch Miracle on 34th Street. The hall is only available from 1.30 so we would ask you **to collect your children from the Village Hall at 3.45** on that day. If this will be a problem please let us know.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY – Thursday 17th December

Children may bring party clothes to school that day to change into after lunch. There are games in classrooms in the afternoon and presents from Santa usually mysteriously arrive in my office that afternoon and will be distributed just before the children go home.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Friday 18th December at the church at 2.30 pm

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

Term ends on Friday 18th December and school starts again for pupils on Tuesday 5th January.

Yours,

A. Gwynn