

**St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School, Findon**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL 'THURSDAYS' PLEASE!**

**ASH & WILLOW CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES**

As we have explained previously, we are having to arrange our Ash and Willow Nativity celebrations differently, so that we limit the number of adults together in the school hall to 30 – 40 adults. All of Year R and Year 1 children will combine to perform together two nativity performances. Then later this term, Year 2 children will perform their Nativity.

Next week we have the Year R/ Year 1 nativity and we have two performances. One will be only for Year R parents and then one for Year 1 parents. To limit numbers, only two people per child can attend and no pre-school children please.

- **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER is for year R parents to attend at 2 pm.**
- **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER is for year 1 parents to attend at 2 pm.**
- To minimise mixing as much as possible, we will not be having refreshments.
- We would be grateful if parents could wear masks and take a LFD test on the day of the performance.
- We will have seating socially distanced in pairs as only 2 people per child will be able to attend.
- Doors will open at 1.45 pm. All performances will start at 2 pm.
- Please do not bring any pre-school children.

Year 2 will have their Nativity performance on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and arrangements for this will be kept under review.



**CHILDREN IN NEED 2021**

A big 'Thank You' from the School Council to everyone for joining in our fundraising events for Children in Need.

The prizes have been handed out and the money has been counted. We're delighted to say that we raised an impressive £268.65.

## **PTA NEWS – ELFRIDGES**

We hope you have all received an Elfridges letter this week. We can't wait to help the children buy some fun and festive treats for you! Any queries about anything to do with this please talk to one of the PTA or email [findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com)

The main points to remember are: -

**-Please return the reply slips to school office by Friday 26th November.**

**-Please send a named bag to school on the day - Tuesday 30th November.**

-Collection and payment of gifts chosen will be the same day after school from the marquee on the lower playground. Please contact us if you require an alternative collection day.

Also one final plea, if anyone is free to help out at Elfridges for the school day or even just an hour or two, we would be more than grateful for volunteer helpers so do get in touch!

Thank you, St John the Baptist School PTA Committee.

## **KS2 (ROWAN, HOLLY AND OAK) - VICTORIAN DAY REMINDER**

Next week, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, as part of our topic on 'That's Entertainment', Key stage 2 classes are having a Victorian School Day. This is an opportunity for the children to dress up in Victorian clothes (from home) and to experience activities and lessons that children would have encountered all those years ago.

From the moment the children enter the classroom to the time they go home, they will be acting in role. At the end of the day, they will have the time to evaluate what they have learned through their experiences.

For homework leading up to this day, the children will be asked to research what a school child would wear and have for lunch.

For the children to fully engage in the day, they could bring a Victorian style lunch, wrapped in grease proof paper. Just a suggestion! There will not be a cost implication to this special day (and no canes will be used as punishment either!) We look forward to a great learning experience.

## **COLD WEATHER**

Now that it's very chilly outside, can we remind parents to make sure that children always have a coat/jacket to wear at break-times.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Please find attached details of church services for December and January.