

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

NEWSLETTER

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NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL 'THURSDAYS' PLEASE!

YEAR 2 NATIVITY – WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

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. Next Wednesday, 15th December, Year 2 will be performing their Nativity in the school hall. To limit numbers, only two people per child can attend and no pre-school children please.

- 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 1.50 pm. All performances will start at 2 pm.
- Please do not bring any pre-school children.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Given the rise in Covid cases, both nationally and particularly locally, we are constantly reviewing our events. Our priority is to try to keep this time of year as normal for children as possible.

Over the next week, we are still hoping to go ahead with the school disco, nativity performance for year 2, Christmas parties and virtual pantomime.

However, having assessed the capacity at the church, we plan to go ahead with our Carol Service but unfortunately we are not able to accommodate parents due to the limited space available. This is a great shame but we are trying to avoid a situation where parents and children are having to isolate over the Christmas period.

PTA NEWS

Second hand uniform

We have lots of items of good quality clean second hand uniform in various sizes and styles. Do please chat to one of us anytime or email finodnpta@gmail.com to enquire about any items in particular or more information. Make a donation for anything you wish to buy!

Findon Village Elf Trail 2021

Those cheeky elves will be let loose, all over the village again very soon! The trail starts on Saturday 18th December and runs through to Christmas Eve. Pick up your £2 festive goody bags after school on Thursday 16th or Friday 17th December and have fun whilst getting some fresh air! Bags are also available all week from the Findon Village Store. Any entries handed back to the village shop will be entered into a prize draw to win some fun family treats. Please see the poster attached for more details!

MRS RUSSELL

Mrs Russell, Teaching Assistant in Ash class, is moving on to work in the Portage Service. We wish her the very best for the future

CAN YOU HELP?

We are in urgent need of spare underwear for the younger children please – age 4-5 and 5-6 if possible. Thank you.

REMINDER – CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

This year the children's Christmas party will take place on Friday 17th December.

The Day

Ash and Willow Class will hold their party as a 'KS1 Bubble'. They will come together for party games in the Hall during the first part of the morning, and will then spend the rest of the morning in their own classroom. At about 11.30am both classes will return to the Hall for a special Christmas party lunch.

Rowan, Holly and Oak Classes will spend the morning in their own classroom where they will be involved in class Christmas activities. At about 1pm, all the classes in KS2 will come to the Hall for their Christmas party lunch, and will sit in their usual lunchtime 'Class Bubble' groups. Time will be allocated to each of the KS2 classes in the afternoon, so that they can come to the Hall to enjoy some party games.

Clothes

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes for the Christmas party. However, the children will still be going out to play as normal, and you should bear this in mind when they are choosing what to wear. They should have clothes that are going to keep them warm, with flat shoes or trainers.

Food

The children **DO NOT** need to bring a packed lunch to school, and hot school meals will **NOT** be provided on Friday 17th December. Instead, please send a voluntary contribution of £1 (cash only please) to school by **Friday 10th December**, and our staff will go shopping to buy the party food. If your child is a vegetarian, has any kind of food allergy, or a medical condition that prevents then eating certain foods, then please talk to your child's class teacher at the end of a school day.

Drinks

The children will need to make sure that they have their water bottle in school, as they will take this into the Hall as their party drink. We will add squash to their water bottle if they would like squash to drink instead of water.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are unable to invite parents/carers into school to help this year.

Please ask your child to give their "party £1" to their class teacher as soon as possible.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email including letter from John Roche, Chair of Governors
- Christmas party letter – see above
- PTA Christmas disco letter