

14/01/2019



## Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now busy with lots of different activities in the run up to Christmas and have organised some special events for the children which we hope they will enjoy. Our last session before the Christmas break is on Friday 21st December 2018 and we will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

The church is holding a Christmas Tree Festival here from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. There will be a display in the church of approximately 25 trees all decorated by members of the church congregation and local businesses and will include one decorated by ourselves featuring decorations made by the children. We will be taking the children to see the trees on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> during the session but you are welcome to call in at any time over the weekend to see them. There will be refreshments available to purchase.

### **Christmas Nativity Service**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11am the minister Rev. Elizabeth Cushion will be holding a short Christmas service for all of the children in the church. This will involve a short telling of the Christmas story which the children will take part in and then they will be performing a number of Christmas songs that we have been learning. We would like to ask that you provide your child with a suitable Nativity costume to wear. The costumes do not need to be anything too fancy – a piece of tinsel around the head for an angel, a tea towel over the head for a shepherd or a cardboard crown for a king will all be fine. If you have any problems with this, please speak to a member of staff. We have a limited supply of dressing up outfits available if you need them.

All children are able to come and take part even if they do not normally attend on this day. Please speak to Mandy as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend so that we can arrange additional staffing. You can either pay for an extra session at a cost of £12.00 or swap one of your existing sessions.

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents, family and friends to come to this service. It will begin at 11am and then will be followed by soft drinks and mince pies upstairs. We hope to see as many of you there on the day as possible.

## Photographs during Christmas Events

We will be taking photos during all of the events to use within the children's learning journeys. However, we are aware that most parents will want to take photos during the Christmas Nativity service or even film it for absent family or friends. We have therefore attached a photographic consent form to the end of this newsletter and would ask that you complete it and return it to us as soon as possible. Please be aware that if anyone refuses permission for photos to be taken then unfortunately we will have to ask that no one takes them to respect privacy. We will notify you of this before the service commences.

A lot of families have advised us when they completed their admission forms that they do not consent to their children's photos being shown online. We therefore request that nobody posts photos online on social media as these may show children whose parents have requested privacy.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Christmas Party

We will be having our Christmas party on Friday 21st December during the normal morning session. All children are invited to attend even if they do not usually come on this day. Please speak to Mandy as soon as possible if you would like your child to come if they do not normally attend on a Friday so that we can arrange additional staffing. You can either pay for an additional session at a cost of £12 or swap one of your existing sessions in order to attend. We will be having a bouncy castle, playing lots of party games and having a visit from Father Christmas as well as party food.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks for your continuing support,

Mandy, Veronica, Eleanor, Jane and Liz

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Photographic Consent Form

Name of Child -

I do/ do not give consent for my child to be photographed or filmed during the Christmas Nativity Service.

Parent Name –

Signature –

Date -