

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Autumn Term Newsletter (3)

### **Parent Governor Election**

I am pleased to report that Stephen Barnett and Ben Joyce have been elected as parent governors following the election. My thanks to all of the candidates: It is very pleasing to have interested parents who are willing to take this on.

### **Christmas Nativities Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (years 1 and 2)**

The children in these year groups are practising songs and will soon begin rehearsing for these performances. I am giving an advance reminder of the dates for these, so that you can make any necessary plans for pre-school children and babies, as these performances will be for adults only. (Please note that this is a change to previous years.)

We have always asked that parents do not bring little ones, and have had some adult only performances. At Christmas we offer a crèche for a limited number of toddlers for some performances. I need to make everyone aware that all of the performances at Christmas will be adults only. As a 3 form entry school, it is going to become very difficult to accommodate all of the members of your family that would like to come to concerts, and for the youngest children we only do one performance as this is what they can manage. We do not want to stop this, but tickets will be limited. The recent Harvest Assembly in the afternoon was unacceptably noisy, and this just is not fair for the children who work hard to learn their parts, and other parents who cannot enjoy their children's performance. I had a number of complaints from parents at the afternoon assembly who felt that it was spoilt because of the noise level. Christmas is very special for the children and you, their parents, and we want everyone to be able to enjoy this fully.

You will get more details about the exact arrangements for each performance in due course, but please note the following in your diaries if you have not already done so, so that you can think about childcare arrangements for that date:

Early Years (Cherry, Hawthorn, Beech): Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. There will be a bookable crèche available for a limited number. The performance is likely to be about 30 minutes.

Years 1 and 2: 2 performances, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. There will be a bookable crèche available for the afternoon performance on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The performance is likely to be about 30 minutes.

### **Christmas Carol Service KS2 (Junior children)**

We will be doing a traditional Carol Service with songs and readings for the children at KS2. Parents can come and join us for this at 9.15am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. In previous years, we have been able to accommodate parents who want to come without issuing tickets, and so we will do this again; come along if you want to and we will hope to accommodate all who arrive.

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