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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



ADVENT

We celebrated the start of Advent by lighting the first candle in our Advent Wreath which symbolizes 'Hope'. Advent is a time to prepare, a special four weeks in the Christian calendar leading up to Christmas day, Jesus' birthday.



Year 2 visited St John's Church to take part in an interactive workshop about the journey to Bethlehem. It was a magical experience and the children had lots of fun learning about the first Christmas. They enjoyed listening to stories, meeting different characters from the Bible, watching a puppet show and dressing up as shepherds and the three kings.



The children will bring home today a 'Christingle donation box'. It is 50 year's today since the first Christingle service was held and we very much hope you will be able to join us for our Christingle at St. John's Church on **Thursday 20th December at 2pm**...weather permitting! We will be very grateful for any donations for the Children's Society which supports vulnerable children and helps them to have a better chance in life.



Our preparations in school are well underway and the children are full of excitement! Here are a few reminders for your diary:

- Tuesday 18th December** - School Christmas dinner, packed lunch children to bring in their sandwiches and join in the fun!
- Wednesday 19th December** - Christmas Concerts (see over leaf)
- Thursday 20th** - Years 1 & 2 Christmas party in the morning
Christingle Service 2pm at St John's Church
- Friday 21st December** - Nursery and Reception Christmas party in the morning
KS2 Christmas party after lunch



Cancellation Notice

Due to the busy final week, there will be **no after school clubs after Friday 14th December. All clubs will start again week commencing 7th January 2019.**

Will be collected by after the evening performance

Please send me tickets for the 6.00pm performance

OR
Please send me tickets for the 2.00pm performance

Child's Name Year

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO SCHOOL (not the whole newsletter)

EYFS performance will take place at 10am on Wednesday 19th December, no tickets are required.

picked up at around 7.10pm.
will start at 6.00pm and last approximately one hour and ten minutes; children will need to be
school for the evening performance on **Wednesday 19th December at 5.30pm**. The performances
operation in ensuring their attendance is much appreciated. The children will need to return to
they attend both performances. All children have an important contribution to make and your co-
Please note that all KS1 and KS2 children are involved in these concerts and it is important that

by law to observe these regulations.
standing at the back or sides. We sincerely hope that parents will understand that we are required
small children to sit on an adult's knee, neither are we allowed to have any member of the audience
Please note that all people attending the concert must be seated. Fire regulations do not permit

day 18th.
of 2 tickets per family. If there are any tickets left over a further allocation will be made on Tues-
Rules we are limited to the number of seats we can provide (130). There will be an initial allocation
'The Little Owl and the Star' (KS1) and 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' (KS2). Due to Health and Safety
Tickets will be available from Tuesday 11th December from 3.20pm for our Christmas Concerts -

Christmas Productions

Dear Parents/Carers



Our attendance target is 96.4% and attendance to date is 97.01%. Well done everyone and thank you to parents.

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 3	98%	97%	98%	100%	96%	99%	94%
Week 4	94%	99%	97%	97%	95%	98%	99%

DATES FOR DIARIES	
11.12.18	Reception visit Hullabaloo Theatre - 9.45 am
12.12.18	'Sing & Sign' Assembly 9am - parents welcome
13.12.18	Y5 Ukulele performance 9.15am - parents welcome
13.12.18	Eco Club planting trees - pm
14.12.18	Christingle donation candles coming home - please return by 20th December - thank you
18.12.18	Christmas Lunch - pack lunch children to still bring in their own lunch and will be joining in with the festivities.

19.12.18	Christmas Concerts - tickets are limited
20.12.18	KS1 Christmas Party - morning
20.12.18	Christingle Service at St John's Church - 2pm
21.12.18	Nursery & Reception Class Christmas Party—morning
21.12.18	KS2 Christmas Party - afternoon
21.12.18	Break up for Christmas
7.1.19	Children return to school