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## Henbury View First School

*Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts*

Headteacher: Mrs S Wall

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As Christmas is fast approaching, we wanted to give you some information regarding our plans for the celebrations in school this year.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Henbury who have arranged a Pantomime for all the children to enjoy during the school day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Watching live performances is such a wonderful experience and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy it.

Over the coming weeks we will be preparing for Christmas and all the children will be involved in making decorations for the school. The Friends of Henbury have arranged for Hope Farm to donate a Christmas Tree which is wonderful and we will be inviting the children to help decorate the tree with us.

### The Christmas Nativity

This year we will be performing the production "It's a Miracle " and the children have already been busy learning the songs. The performances will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 am. **Two tickets per family** will be available and everyone attending must have their own ticket due to the Health and Safety regulations within the church. We will be sending out a link to a Google form where you will be able to make your request for tickets. The tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The form will be available to complete from 6pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November until 9am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Following this we will work through the requests in order and in the event of tickets not being available for your chosen performance we will allocate tickets to the other performance. Tickets will be sent home with the children on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It is important that you bring the tickets to your chosen performance as unfortunately we will be unable to permit people in without a ticket.



A separate Costume letter is being sent out, but we ask that they are in school by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November for our dress rehearsal. There really is no expectation for 'shop costumes' to be purchased. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Don't forget that the Friends of Henbury are holding a sale of preloved costumes after school on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

We will be having a walk-through rehearsal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the church, we will be walking to the church during the morning and will be returning back to school in time for lunch.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, we ask that all children arrive at the church in their costumes between 5.30 and 5.45 pm. We expect the performance to finish by 7pm. Please ensure that your child doesn't bring any other items with them.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, we ask that the children arrive at the church in their costumes between 8.40 and 8.50 am. We ask that the children bring their school uniform in a bag, which they will change into after the performance. Following the performance we will walk back to school. We ask that the children bring their water bottle and lunch box (if they have packed lunches). There is no need for book bags on this day.

Please note that there is no breakfast club on this day.



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** we are inviting the children to wear their Christmas Jumpers or a Christmas accessory if they would like to. (children to wear the rest of their school uniform).

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre. Please come and join us after school when Father Christmas will be making a very special appearance.

### **Singing to the Monday Club.**

Members of the Church Monday Club will be joining us Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December to listen to our Christmas songs. Our year 4 pupils will be serving tea and mince pies.

### **Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

Star Cuisine will be providing a hot Christmas meal for the children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Booking details to follow. Children with lunchboxes will join their friends in the hall to enjoy the celebrations.



### **Christmas Party Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Each class will enjoy party games and watch a Christmas movie during the day and we will provide a party snack e.g. cake, popcorn. We will make sure we follow all guidelines for those with allergies. Children can wear party clothes, we just ask that you are mindful of the shoes they are wearing as they will go at play as normal.

### **Christmas Cards**

The post box will be available in the entrance hall from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December for the children to post their cards. Please ensure that the child's name and year group is clearly written on the envelope. We will have our very own special elves delivering the cards.



### **Christmas Tree Festival**

St. Nicholas Church will be holding their second Christmas Tree Festival and we have been invited to decorate our own tree as part of the festival. We do hope that you will take the opportunity to visit the church and see all the decorated trees.



During the final week of term the children will be very busy taking part in a range of Christmas crafts and activities which I am sure they will enjoy sharing with you during this festive period.

Kind Regards,  
Sally Wall and the Henbury Team