



Chilham St. Mary's Church Of England Primary School

# Newsletter

## 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Nativity Performance 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

We hope you enjoyed the wonderful Nativity performance this afternoon. Once again this spectacular performance didn't fail to disappoint as many of you gathered to watch the Wrens and Herons narrate and act out the Christmas story, supported by the Peacocks and Martins singing and the school choir leading their own selective songs. Our thanks go to the PTA for kindly organising the sale of refreshments.

### Christmas Fair Arrangements, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



The Christmas Fair is being held at Chilham Village Hall, 2.00 – 4pm. You are invited to collect your child from school at 1.50pm to take them to the event. Any children not collected from school will be escorted to the fair by staff at 2.00pm; however, **please ensure that you collect them from the village hall no later than 3.15pm** even if you remain at the fair beyond that time. You will need to sign them out with the member of staff escorting them round the stalls and on the door before leaving. Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents/carers from when they are collected. Please complete and return the attached slip as soon as possible.



Thank you for all of your donations to make this a fantastic event for the children. The PTA are kindly giving all children £1.00 to spend on arrival at the fair, but please do dig deep as this is one of the main fund raising events for school.

**Please remember spending money for your child if you are not collecting them from school early, preferably in a named purse/wallet.**

### Christmas Dinner & Jumpers, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Your child was given a flyer yesterday with the Christmas Dinner menu. Please can you complete and return by Monday so that we have numbers. The cost is £2.05 as usual. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper – if you don't have one, just add some tinsel, sparkle, whatever makes you feel Christmassy!

### Christmas Fair - Notice from the PTA

**Dress-Down Day tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - please can you send in a bottle of whatever you like – it can be drinks, bubble bath... all donations gratefully received!



### **Cakes/Biscuits for the Fair**

We would be most grateful for any cakes/biscuits for the cake stall. We will be sending home paper plates early next week for you to fill and then return to school on the morning of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not bring in before as we do not have suitable storage and they may get eaten... ☺

### **Raffle Prizes**

We will shortly be selling raffle tickets as part of fundraising for the Christmas Fair. We are very grateful to the local businesses that support our school and kindly donate prizes. If you are able to make a donation for the raffle, please pass to one of the PTA committee or hand in at the school office.

### **Car Boots**

As most parents are aware the PTA has been providing refreshments at the Car Boot Fairs held on the Sports Ground on five Sunday mornings in the summer between May and September. So far we have mainly relied on our own very small pool of members as volunteers but would like to invite other parents to put themselves forward now Mr Johnson has left the school (as he and his wife were heavily involved in both providing these refreshments and helping behind the scenes).

We need two people in the kitchen from around 6am until 12pm preparing bacon sandwiches and such like and two others selling the hot food and donated cakes (of which the volunteers just need to bring one each).

Last year these fairs raised approximately £1250 of which the PTA retained 50%, increasing to 75% later in the season, with the Trust running the Sports Ground keeping the remainder along with the proceeds from the car parking and pitch fees. Next season the Trust has offered us 75% of the profits for the whole season.

Could anyone interested please let Melanie Woodland know before the end of term? It's a great way to help raise funds for your school without requiring attendance at meetings during the school day when we know many are busy. Even being available for one or two would be a great help. The actual dates have yet to be confirmed but we just need an expression of interest in principle at this stage.

*Many thanks, from the PTA*

## **Dates for your Diary**



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity, St Mary's Church, refreshments from 1.30pm – Everybody Welcome

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Dress Down Day – Bring a Bottle for the Fair

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Fair, Village Hall

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas Lunch – usual price of £2.05, See Flyer

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Last Day of Term 2, School Closes to Children at 2.00pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Term 3 Begins



## Christmas Fair Arrangements, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Please complete and return this slip to avoid any confusion 😊

**Name of Child/Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

I will collect my child/children from school at 1.50pm and take them to the Christmas Fair at the Village Hall

I will collect my child from the village hall between 2.00 - 3.15pm.  
**Please note you must sign your child out with a member of staff before leaving the fair**

I have arranged for the following person to collect my child from school at 1.50pm to take them to the fair: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Carer)