



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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14th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas Festivities – December 2023

As we head into Term 2, we are looking forward to our annual festivities with the children. We are really excited about our Christmas celebrations this year given the restrictions we have faced over the last couple of years and are looking forward to welcoming families to be part of some of our festivities.

Key Stage 1 Performance 'Hooray in a Manger' – Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th December 2023

Year 1 and Year 2 start our celebrations with their performance of 'Hooray in a Manger' from Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th December (see below for timings). Year 1 will be involved in all morning performances with all Year 1 children involved in one of the evening performances. Further details regarding this will follow. Year 1 children are welcome to stay for more evenings if you would prefer. Please speak to a member of the team.

Performance Times:

	10.00am	5.30pm
Monday 4th December	Y2CH + all Year 1	Y2AR + identified Year 1s
Tuesday 5th December	Y2DO + all Year 1	Y2CH + identified Year 1s
Wednesday 6th December	Y2AR + all Year 1	Y2DO + identified Year 1s

Hooray in a Manger tickets will be available to order soon.

Festive Thursday – Thursday 7th December 2023

Rather than Christmas Jumper Day we have framed the day as 'Festive Thursday' allowing children (and adults) to wear any item of clothing, maybe even a favourite item of clothing for the festive period. This might be something with a bit of sparkle, a favourite football shirt or something Christmas themed - the focus is on clothing that makes the children feel happy so we can really enjoy our a 'Festive Thursday' together.

In readiness for this the children will also create 'Christmas Crowns' in school prior to the day which can then also be worn as part of our festivities. Our focus is on celebrating together and including all and we hope this approach will support this. We will undertake a collection for Save the Children but please only donate if you can afford to.



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Christmas Lunch – Thursday 7th December 2023

Our Festive Thursday will be a very busy day in school as it is also our Christmas Lunch Day which is always a very popular event as part of our Christmas celebrations within the school calendar. If you would like to order a Christmas Lunch for your child please go onto ParentPay to place the order – ***the last date for ordering a Christmas Lunch will be Tuesday 28th November.***

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Tuesday 12th December 2023

Key Stage 2 (pupils in Years 3 to 6) then take up the baton of our celebrations with the return of our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert held at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas at 7pm. Our carol concert is always a favourite for all in our Festive calendar and we are sure this will be no different this year as it is a time for us to come together as a community and share this special time of year. All our families with pupils in Key Stage 2 are invited to be part of this Christmas Act of Worship. Tickets are not required for this event.

Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration – Thursday 14th December 2023

Our week of Christmas performances and presentations ends with the youngest pupils in our school with the sharing of their Christmas Celebration with families on Thursday 14th December at 9.30am. No tickets are required for this event. We really hope you will be able to join us for this celebration.

Christmas Celebration Day – Tuesday 19th December 2023

The Christmas Celebrations for all classes this year will take place on Tuesday 19th December 2023. As part of the day the children will be taking part in a whole range of fun activities within their classes and also potentially within their Year Groups. As part of the celebrations, all children can come to school on that day in their favourite outfit for the festive season and do not need to wear school uniform.

The plan is that this will be a time of celebration and an opportunity for us all to thank the children for not only their commitment over the course of the Christmas period in producing their presentations for families and friends, but also for their hard work and commitment over the course of the school year so far. I know the staff are already very busy plotting and planning and we are all looking forward to a further fabulous, festive Thursday as part of our celebrations.

Christmas Act of Worship – Wednesday 20th December 2023

We will then conclude our Christmas celebrations with our final Christmas Act of Worship on Wednesday 20th December. Whilst this will be held in school, we will welcome Reverend John and Reverend Aileen from the Parish Church to lead and be part of our worship. We will then break up for the Christmas break at the end of the day – Key Stage 1 at 3.10pm and Key Stage 2 at 3.20pm.

We all look forward to welcoming families and friends into school and church, with our church links very important to us all, as part of our Christmas festivities this year. I know the children are also very excited to share their performances with you all – their gift to you all at this very special time in the year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Kind Regards,



Diane Mulley
Head Teacher

