



**Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School**

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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Friday 6th December 2019 Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Our Christmas Nativity 'Hey Ewe' is being performed once again by Classes 1 and 2. The whole school enjoyed our dress rehearsal this morning. We were also delighted to welcome some of our Pre-School and Nursery partners to watch the performance with us. Tickets for the performances on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons are in the children's book bags tonight.



**Classes 3 and 4** are busy preparing for the Carol Service in Church on Friday 20th December at 2pm. Class 3 children are all nativity characters and need simple costumes. Letters were sent home on Wednesday about your child's part. Class 4 are narrating the Carol Service. The whole school attends this and everyone is welcome to join us. No tickets are needed.

**Early finish for Christmas at 3pm** Following our Carol Service on Friday 20th December the children walk back to school with their teachers and school will finish at 3pm.

#### **Christingle Service at St Mary's Church**

Many thanks to everyone who returned their Christingle candles and made kind donations to 'The Children's Society' charity. Children are pictured below with their Christingles at the service on Sunday.



**Dance Club Dance Festival** Children attending Dance Club each Thursday have received letters about a Dance Festival at Richmond School on **Monday 9th December**. Parents are invited to watch the final performance at 1.45pm. Please remember your packed lunch and water. Children do not need to wear school uniform. They can travel in their PE kit, white t shirt, black leggings and track suit trousers and a sweatshirt to wear when not dancing. If their pirate costumes are already in school with us they will be taken; if not please bring these on Monday.

**Thank you from Friends of the School** for supporting the Christmas cards and mugs. We raised £150 for school fund.

**Donations for Christmas Hampers** Friends of the school will sell raffle tickets at both Nativity performances and before the Carol Service in church to raise money for school funds. They will also send raffle tickets home. They are working hard to help us fund raise to redevelop our pond area. Each class is organising a hamper and we would welcome contributions of items on their class theme. Class 1: Christmas treats; Class 2: Around the World; Class 3: Pamper hamper; Class 4: Yorkshire hamper.

#### **Diary date reminders to the end of term**

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 'Hey Ewe'** Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December at 2pm.

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas** Tuesday 17th December pm

Please bring party clothes for your child to change into at lunch time. Please donate a small amount of food to be brought on the morning of the party. For Classes 1 and 2 a list to sign up for food will be in the office entrance area from Tuesday 10th December.

**Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party Wednesday 18th December pm** Please bring party clothes for your child to change into at lunch time. Please donate a small amount of food to be brought on the morning of the party. Please can girls bring 'deserts' and boys 'savoury'.

**Whole School Christmas lunch** Thursday 20th December

**Carol Service - 'Journey to Bethlehem'** in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, Friday 20th December at 2pm led by Classes 3 and 4. (no tickets are required for this). After the Carol Service we will all return to school for an **early finish approx. 3.00pm**.

**New Parent Governor** I am pleased to announce that Mrs Vaneesa Rafelt is our new parent governor.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Dobson