

# Marsworth CE Infant School



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**RESPECT, COURAGE, COMPASSION, CURIOSITY**

*'Teach children how they should live,  
and they will remember it all their lives.'* Proverbs 22:6

3rd November 2020

## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents

Christmas is fast approaching! Below are the school's plans for the Christmas period with a few changes to previous years taking into account the 'new normal' with the pandemic. We have had to cancel a few activities but have tried to be creative with others to ensure they go ahead in some form or another.

### **Christmas Cards**

As mentioned in the Newsletter the children will be able to write and send Christmas cards. The post box will be displayed in the corridor by Mrs Polatci's office.

Due to the current pandemic we are advising the children to post their cards at the beginning of each week so they can be left to ventilate before distributing them. The last day for posting cards will be **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**.

### **Christmas tree decorating**

We are going to be learning about the origins of the Christmas Tree and would like all the children to bring in one Christmas bauble or decoration on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If it is delicate, could you ensure it has some form of protection and that your child's name is either on it or on the bag. All the decorations will be returned at the end of term. These will be hung on the tree in a well ventilated room and will not be touched until they are taken down.

### **Party day**

The children's party day will still be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We would like the children to wear if possible a Christmas jumper as we will be supporting and donating money to Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. You don't even need a new jumper. You can dig out last year's, or take a boring old sweater and add some tinsel, or get one from a charity shop. Although we will be celebrating jumper day on a slightly different day the proceeds raised will still be sent off to Save the Children. All we ask is for donations for the children to take part. This can be of any amount no matter how big or small. The work we have been doing this term raising money for the three different charities all supports the children's learning of generosity and showing compassion, two of our core school values!

### **Christingle day**

This year we are unable to hold a Christingle service at the church. However, we have decided to hold a Christingle day in school. The children will learn about the meaning of the Christingle, learn songs and make a Christingle. We will then hold a Christingle act of worship in school and the children will be able to take them home with them. As parents and sibling are unable to attend we will take photos throughout the day and put on our website and our school facebook page which is a closed page. We will only post images of pupils whose parents have given consent. See consent slip below.

### **Annual Christmas Performance**

As we are unable to use the church for our annual nativity performance and with all the regulations regarding clothing and costumes we have decided to not perform a nativity play. Instead we have created a carol service with extracts from the children's bible to retell the Birth of Jesus.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending home the song words the children will need to learn. We would be grateful in you helping your child practise some of these.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents on site watching the service. We intend to record the carol service and readings and then share with parents. All children will take part however only those children who have been given consent will be included in the recording.

Please could all parents complete and return the consent slip below to the school office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Kind regards

Angela Polatci  
Headteacher

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I do/ do not give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the photographs of the Christingle day.

I do/ do not give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the recording of the Carol Service and Readings.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/ guardian)