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It's Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas season is soon upon us and I want to give you an update about the arrangements for all of our exciting Christmas related events.

Decoration Day – Friday 1 December 2023 (this week!)

Decoration Day is set to take place on Friday 1 December. Children just need to come to school armed with plenty of Christmas spirit and festive fun. Children are invited to wear Christmas attire (e.g. Christmas jumper) but be aware that they will be 'making and doing' during the day and we can't guarantee they won't get a bit of glue, glitter, paint etc. on their clothes!



'Aladdin' at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield - Thursday 7 December 2023: 12:45 – 4:45pm

It's the visit to the Panto in Chesterfield (oh no it isn't!) to see 'Aladdin'. Traffic permitting, we should be back at school where the children can be collected at approximately 4.45pm. We will keep you informed of our expected arrival time.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8 December 2023

We are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8 December so dig out the Christmas knits and support 'Save the Children' by wearing a tasteful (tasteless!?) Christmas jumper. If you don't own a festive knit simply grab a plain jumper from your wardrobe and create your own crafty cracker using tinsel, baubles and homemade snowflakes. Donations of £1 or more are welcome on the day.



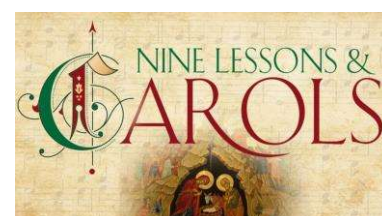
Nativity - 'A Bundle of Joy' – School Hall – Wednesday 13 December 2023: 2pm and 6pm

We are inviting parents of those children in Donaldson and Dahl to watch the nativity performance in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday 13 December. The children will go home with their costumes at the end of the afternoon performance. For the evening performance, please ensure that children arrive back at school in full costume by 5.40pm. The children will need to go to their classroom.

The performance lasts approximately 30 minutes. The gates for the afternoon performance will open at 1:45pm.

Nine Lessons and Carols – St Giles' Church – Friday 15 December 2023: 2pm

This traditional Christmas service will be performed by the children in Morpurgo and Rowling at St Giles church. We are inviting parents to join us in our celebration.



FOLS Christmas Bazaar – In the school hall - Friday 15 December 2023: 3.30 - 5pm

The FOLS Christmas Bazaar is taking place in the school hall on Friday 15 December from 3.30pm. Come and join the festive fun and enjoy fun games, refreshments, gifts, a raffle and Santa's Grotto. All raised funds support our school.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 15 December 2023

Children can enjoy a festive feast on Friday 15 December with our spectacular Christmas lunch in school.



Citizen of the term award – Friday 15 December 2022: 9:10am

Our final award assembly of the year is the Citizen of the Term award which will take place on Friday 15 December at 9.10am. Each class will be voting for children in each year group who they think have shown the attributes of a good Longstone citizen. You will be notified by text if your child is a recipient of this amazing award.

TICKETED EVENT: Sparkle and Shine Singalong! – School Hall – Tuesday 19 December 2023: 2:00pm



Children from Morpurgo and Rowling will be performing classic and contemporary Christmas songs in our 'Sparkle and Shine Singalong!' Children from Donaldson and Dahl will be watching the performance too. We are inviting you all to join us. We expect this to be a popular event so we will be issuing **two tickets per family** for those who wish to attend. Please note this number includes younger children (except babes in arms). **Please reserve your free tickets on Parent Pay by Friday 15 December 2023.** Tickets will be sent home prior to the performance.

Party Day – Thursday 21 December 2023

Children can come to school in their party clothes on the last day (note of caution: it could be a bit mucky on the yard at break and lunchtime!).



Kind regards

Simon Beahan
Executive Headteacher

