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It's Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers

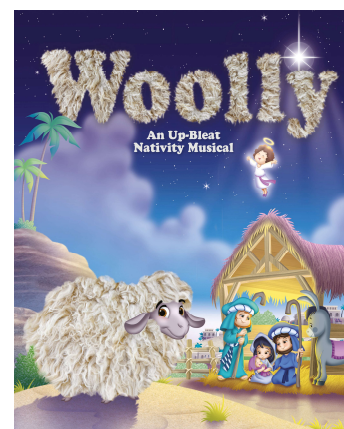
The Christmas season is soon upon us and I want to give you an update about the arrangements for all of our exciting Christmas related events.

'Woolly – an Upbleat Nativity' – School Hall – Wednesday 14 December 2022: 2pm and 6pm

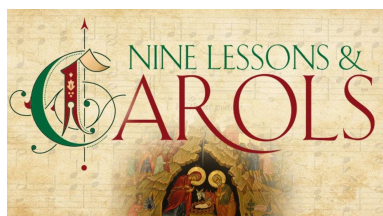
We are inviting parents of those children in Donaldson and Dahl to watch the nativity performance in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday 14 December.

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 16 December 2022: 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.

TICKETED EVENT: Sparkle and Shine Singalong! – School Hall – Tuesday 20 December 2022: 2:15pm

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 16 December 2022.** Tickets will be sent home prior to the performance.



Decoration Day – Thursday 1 December 2022 (this week!)



Decoration Day is set to take place on Thursday 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!

FOLS Christmas Bazaar – On the Playground - Friday 2 December 2022: 3pm

The FOLS Christmas Bazaar is taking place on the school playground on Friday 2 December from 3.30pm. Come and join the festive fun and help raise some money for FOLS.



'Sleeping Beauty' at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield - Thursday 8 December 2022: 12:45 – 4:30pm

It's the visit to the Panto in Chesterfield (oh no it isn't!) to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. Traffic permitting, we should be back at school where the children can be collected at approximately 4.30pm. We will keep you informed by text of our expected arrival time.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9 December 2022

We are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9 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.

FOLS Film Night – In school – Friday 9 December 2022: 5 -7pm

FOLS and school are excited to be hosting a Christmas Film Night on Friday 9th December to raise some more - needed funds. Children are invited to arrive at school at 5pm wearing something comfortable and cosy (even their Christmas jumper!) and can also bring a pillow/cushion to sit on whilst watching the film. Collection will be at approximately 7.00pm. The films that will be showing are as follows:



Screen 1	Screen 2
The Grinch	A Boy called Christmas

For more information on the content of each film, please follow the links in the above table or visit <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/> Tickets will cost £2.50 and ice-cream and juice will be provided as a snack part way through the film. You will be receiving a letter with further details and a consent slip to return to school.



Christmas Lunch – Friday 16 December 2022

Children can enjoy a festive feast on Friday 16th December with our spectacular Christmas lunch in school.

Tis the season to be jolly...Citizen of the term award – Friday 16 December 2022

Our final award assembly of the year is the Citizen of the Term award which will take place on Friday 16 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 award.



Party Day – Wednesday 22 December 2022

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!).

Advent Calendars

Thanks to everyone who was able to donate an advent calendar this year. They are on their way to the foodbank in Matlock.



Kind regards

Simon Beahan
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