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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are determined to have some of our traditional activities taking place this year. There will still be some changes to our pre-covid ways of celebrating, to ensure we continue to work in as safe a way as possible, and this letter will explain the events for our final few days of the term, and how they will look this year. Please check for further emails that will explain how individual events can be booked.

Please note that any or all of these arrangements are subject to change/cancellation dependent on Covid-19 infection rates at the time.

KS1 Nativity – The Big Little Nativity

Years 1 and 2 are busily learning lines and songs ready for their Nativity performances on Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th December 2021. The performances will take place in the school hall starting at 2:00pm.

We are reducing the number of seats at each performance, in order to allow for some distancing between chairs and will, in consequence, be issuing a maximum of two tickets per child which we will invite you to book. We will be asking parent/carers to pay £1 per ticket, to be brought in on the day of the performance, as a contribution towards the cost of the production, license and costumes. Tickets will be issued to you and must be presented on the day in order to gain entry.

KS2 Carol Concert

The children in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 are preparing a Christmas Carol Service for you, which will be held in the village church on Monday, 6th and Tuesday, 7th December at 2pm.

In order to manage numbers of people within the space available we will be issuing tickets. Two tickets per family will be issued; we will be asking you to book your ticket and to present your ticket at the door in order to join our Carol Services.

The afternoon Services will finish at approximately 2.45pm. For parents/carers not attending the afternoon service your children will be walked back to school and dismissed via the classrooms at 3.15pm in the usual way. Children will not be taking bags to the church for the performances so if your child is not returning to school prior to dismissal and they have packed lunch please could they bring their lunch in a disposable bag on that day.



Year R - Christmas Stay and Play Session

We would like to welcome the parents and carers of children in Class R to join us on Friday 10th December from 2pm to 3:15pm. You and your children will be undertaking all sorts of Christmas crafts and activities in the school hall. We would like to invite one adult to join your child. Please wear suitable clothes as some of the activities could be a little messy! Please, on this occasion, do not bring younger siblings with you, this will allow you to work and play with your Reception child for the afternoon session.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our popular Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday 14th December. Look out for the email which details the full menu and the date by which we need to know if your child is having the dinner. Just for the fun of it, your child may wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day. This is not compulsory, however, so please don't feel you need to buy a jumper just for this day. A suitably decorated jumper, or a red or green jumper will suffice, as will school uniform of course.

Christmas Parties

Thursday 16th December is party day. Each class will have time in the hall to play some party games and win some prizes. In their classes they will also have a party tea. Could you please supply your child with a paper or plastic plate with some party treats on, just for them? If they could be wrapped with foil or cling film your child can bring them in the morning and then they can enjoy this party plate after lunch. This has the benefits that you can add to the plate what your child likes, and if paper plates are used, nothing needs to come home at the end of the day. I know from experience that a couple of paper plates below and even one above the food adds stability and allows for a name to be written on the top. You can of course, if you prefer, pack the party tea in a suitable plastic lidded box.

Christmas Cards

We will be holding our traditional Christmas postal service in school this year from 1st December. Please ensure the last of the cards come in on Wednesday 15th December please so that we can make sure that they all get safely delivered. As always, please make sure that the cards have the name of the child and the Class they are to be delivered to as well please. Then our Year 6 delivery 'elves' can ensure they get to the right class.

I think I have covered everything in this letter that you will need to know for the Christmas activities. If you do have any further questions please do contact the teachers via the office email: secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk or call Mrs Eales in the school office. Can I thank you in advance for everything you will be doing in this last week to make sure that school has a happy, successful and safe final week.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

