

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Christmas play auditions**

I can hardly believe we are thinking about Christmas so soon but, as you know, it'll be here before we know it so we are busy planning the performance part of our Christmas festivities.

We will shortly be holding auditions for those children who would like parts in our annual Christmas play which will be performed on the evenings of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

For those who would prefer not to be on the stage as such, there is the opportunity for children to be in the chorus if they are interested; chorus members are crucial to the success of the play as the songs and actions help tell the story and knit sections of the production together.

In addition to the above, some children like to help with the set, making props, doing the lights or music etc, so there is the opportunity for many children to be involved at some level.

#### **Auditions for speaking parts**

Parts are available for children across all age groups and they range from 1 line speaking parts to 18 lines. Children wishing to audition for a speaking part should bring along a book of their own choice to read/perform from for approximately 30 seconds. We will be looking for children who read confidently and fluently, with good tone and expression. Ideally they will be able to show us some of their acting skills too through the piece they select to read.

We will let the children know when/where auditions for their class or year group will be held but I would suggest they start preparing now and have the book or piece they have chosen at school from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Once we have selected children for parts, we will give them a copy of the script (or their part of it) to learn over the half term break. That way, rehearsals which start in earnest after half term will be more concentrated on staging, character interaction etc rather than helping children learn their lines.

**After school rehearsals will start after half term on a Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Children selected for a speaking part MUST be able to attend these rehearsals.**

**Please note, children who are not available on the evenings of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, should not attend the auditions. Thank you.**

#### **Chorus**

After half term, Mrs Mattimoe will be teaching children the songs on a Friday after school during her choir rehearsal but, in addition, Mrs Grant will be helping children learn the songs in a lunchtime club once a week. Details will follow for those interested.

Many thanks.

Yours truly,

*Mrs L J Laird*

Headteacher