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Dear Parents



CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Here is your guide to a Broad Chalke School Christmas!

Teacher Clubs

The last week for most teacher run clubs was last week, but for Choir and Art Club this is the last week. There are no teacher run after school clubs for the last 2 weeks of term to allow time for all the extra things which teachers need to do at this busy time of year. Please remember that the teachers do run these clubs in their own time at no cost to parents. The paid clubs will continue as normal for the next 2 weeks but there will be **no clubs at all** in the very last week. The school office has sent out a separate Classlist announcement about this with details about each club.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards and mugs designed by the children looked really lovely. Thank you to Mrs Pickup for organising this.

Lantern Parade

The Art Club are busy making lanterns for the Lantern Parade in Salisbury on **Thursday 6th December**.

The children who are involved in the parade, need to meet at 6.15pm in the Cathedral Close.

This should be a very special event. Thank you to Mrs Pickup and Mrs Moriarty for making the lanterns with the children, often during lunchtimes as well as in Art Club.

Post Boxes

The 7 class Christmas Post Boxes will go up in the Central Area this week. Please ensure that all cards are clearly labelled with the **child's first name and surname**.

Christmas Tree

We hope to have our Christmas Tree decorated by the end of this week. This has kindly been donated by Simon Hiscock from Prescombe Farm in Ebbesbourne Wake where you can buy lovely, locally-grown Christmas trees.

Christmas Craft Day

Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us last Friday for Christmas Craft Day. The classrooms are beginning to look very festive!

Christmas Carol Singing at the 'Hub n Pub'

On **Friday 7th December** our school choir will be singing Christmas Songs and Carols at the Hub in Broad Chalke for the switching on of the village Christmas tree lights! This is a wonderful whole village event with the school very much at the centre.

The event starts at 5.45pm and finishes at approximately 6.15pm and the lights will be switched on at 6pm followed by more Carol singing. Parking will be limited, especially because of the road works, so please arrive in plenty of time to get a space at the church car park or park at the School



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or the Sports Centre and walk. **Children in the Choir need to be at the Hub for 5.30pm so please allow time to park if your child is in the Choir.**

Half of the road will be closed off with bollards and there will be 'POLICE SLOW' signs. Please may I remind you that children are the responsibility of their parents at this event and the children will need very careful supervision when in the dark next to the road so please keep them close to you. Please do come along for a festive sing-a-long and don't forget your torch!

Choir at the Christmas Market

On the afternoon of **Tuesday 11th December** our school choir will be performing at the Christmas Market in Salisbury from 1.30 – 2.15pm so please do go along and see them if you can. Thank you to Mrs Cope and Mrs Newsome for organising this.

Nativity

We always do a short (it's about 20 minutes) but traditional Nativity Play. Luckily for parents, we supply all the costumes for Reception class who are the ones who dress up. The Nativity will take place on **Thursday 13th December at 2pm and 6pm**. This will involve all the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but it will be the Reception children who act out the Nativity story. Reception, Class 1 and 2 will all sing and some Class 2 children will be narrators. The children need to be back in school for the evening performance so school doors will open at **5:30pm** and children will go to their classrooms whilst parents can take their seats in the school hall.

Before and after both performances FOBS will be selling drinks and snacks for DONATIONS as a festive fundraiser.

Please note that children cannot come into school before 5.30pm unless parents are helping with FOBS refreshments.

With nearly 90 children taking part, it is essential that parents let us know which performance they would like to attend to give us an idea of numbers. We can seat a maximum of 150 people plus staff and all the children taking part. We can initially offer **2 seats per family** to each performance to enable every family a chance to attend either performance.

Please return the reply slip as soon as possible as we will start to offer any spare seats from **Monday 10th December** if parents ring and request seats for extra family members. There are often lots of spaces available for the afternoon performance. Young children are welcome to attend the afternoon performance but **please can they be taken out** if they are noisy as it is so disappointing for both children and parents when the performers cannot be heard.

Please indicate which performance you will be attending and how many seats you need on the reply slip. Children in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be watching the dress rehearsal performance on the Wednesday afternoon, along with some older members of the community, so if you can avoid bringing children with you on Thursday evening, it would mean more seats are available for adults.

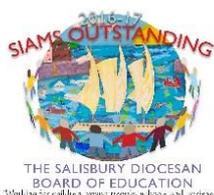
Photographs

Parents are very welcome to take photos at school events such as the Nativity, but please be considerate about what you do with them. If you do take photographs of your children at any school event please be responsible in your use of those photos if they also feature other people's children.

Please do not put photos of other people's children on **social media sites** without the permission of those parents. Many people have valid personal reasons for not wanting their children's pictures to appear on even the school website let alone social media sites. We have the welfare of the children at heart in giving this advice but have no way of enforcing it or monitoring it.



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FOBS Christmas Hampers

We are aiming for the Christmas Hampers to be under the Christmas Tree by **Thursday 6th December**. Please keep on selling the tickets! The FOBS Christmas Hamper Draw will take place at the final Celebration Assembly of the year on **Friday 14th December**. Please do join us!

Carol Service

The Carol Service is for children from classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our Reception, class 1 and class 2 children have their Nativity and songs to learn, so the Carol Service, which involves more traditional Carols and Bible readings, is for class 3 upwards. The Carol Service will take place on **Tuesday 18th December from 2 – 3pm** with readers chosen from each class. The Carol Service will be held as usual in All Saint's Church, Broad Chalke (weather permitting). Parents are very welcome to join us.

Party Day – non-school uniform

Father Christmas will be visiting us on **Wednesday 19th December** and the children will each visit Santa's Grotto and receive a treat. There is no charge for this as it is supported by FOBS. As this is a special day, the children wear their own clothes to school and have party games!

Christmas Jumper Day – non-school uniform

On **Thursday 20th December** we have Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. It is perfectly ok to decorate an old jumper with tinsel and decorations. The suggested donation is £1.

Pantomime Day and Christmas Lunch

Also on **Thursday 20th December** we have the Pantomime in school and we ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child. The Pantomime this year is 'Sleeping Beauty' and the company we use are very good at involving children in the performance. Please fill in the slip at the end of this letter. The Pantomime is followed by a delicious Christmas Dinner so don't forget to sign your child up for a hot lunch on **Thursday 20th December**, Mrs Tribbeck's Christmas dinner is a very special treat! It will feel very festive with all the children wearing their Christmas jumpers!

School Council 10p games

On **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December**, the School Council are organising some 10p games to raise money for their nominated charity so don't forget to send in some 10ps for children to play the games.

End of term

It's back into school uniforms for the last day of term. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cope as part of our Christmas sing-a-long instead of having a celebration assembly. Parents are very welcome to join us at the normal time, just after drop off.

We break up at 1.30pm on **Friday 21st December**, by which time we'll all be ready for a well-earned break and all looking forward to our own family festivities!

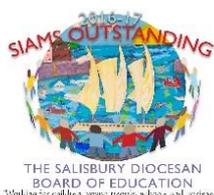
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher



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Christmas Reply Slips

YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity (Sorry - only 2 seats per family for each performance to start with)

I would like seats for the 2pm performance on Thursday 13th December

I would like seats for the 6pm performance on Thursday 13th December

I am likely to ring the school to check availability of more seats from 10th December.

Signed.....

Please print name.....

All Classes - Christmas Pantomime

I enclose cash / cheque for £3.50 per pupil to cover the cost of the Pantomime on Thursday 20th December. Cheques made payable to Broad Chalke Primary School.

(School will cover the cost for any children who are in receipt of free school meals due to pupil premium funding).

Signed.....

Please print name(s) of pupil(s).....



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