



Beckingham Primary School

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Tuesday 7th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Fayre, Christmas Production, Carol Concert & Christingle

As you are all aware, the government have now changed their guidance around distancing and the use of masks in retail and hospitality.

In an effort to continue to keep the Beckingham community safe, I have collaborated with over 15 local schools to discuss how they have reacted to the current changes around the government's guidance. As cases continue to rise, many of them have 'gone virtual' and not allowed families the opportunity to see their children perform 'live', whilst others have continued with 'live' performances limiting the number of adults with mitigations to manage the spread of C-19. As a Head teacher, I have made the decision to go with the latter and limit the number of adults in church to **2 adults per family** to ensure that parents/carers still get to experience, if not slightly differently, their child/ren performing their Christmas Nativity or concert.

KS1 Nativity – Jesus' Christmas Party

The Nativity will continue as planned on Tuesday 14th December at 2pm at All Saint's Church, Beckingham. However, as previously outlined, **tickets will now be limited to two tickets per household/family** to ensure distancing and government guidance can be adhered to. Whilst I cannot enforce any kind of LFT procedure, please can I ask, out of courtesy for others, that you LFT prior to the event. In addition, please can I ask that you wear a mask throughout - unless you are medically exempt.

KS2 Carols by Candlelight

The carol concert is currently set to continue on Wednesday 15th December at 6.30pm at All Saint's Church, Beckingham, should the weather be wet or inclement. However, as the Carols by Candlelight was set to be a community event, I have made provision for us to relocate to the Green with backing tracks should the weather be kind, to continue the concert as an open air, distanced community event. This will mean that numbers for the concert will not need to be limited. Having looked at the forecast for next week, Wednesday is looking dry so this is looking more possible. Each attendee will be provided with a songbook and candle.

Should the concert be unable to be hosted outside, it will take place in church. As previously outlined, **tickets will need to be limited to two tickets per household/family** to ensure distancing and government guidance can be adhered to. Whilst I cannot enforce any kind of LFT procedure, please can I ask, out of courtesy for others, that you LFT prior to the event. In addition, please can I ask that you wear a mask throughout - unless you are medically exempt.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is still set to go ahead this Friday 10th December from 6.30pm on the Village Green and BPS will be located inside the Recreation Room. The school have a few stalls including the Boozy Barrow Raffle, Chocolate Hamper and/or £50 Crown Hotel voucher Raffle and a Chocolate tombola. As a precaution, please can we ask that you wear a mask when inside the Recreation Room.





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Christingle Service

The Christingle will currently continue as planned on Friday 17th December at 2pm at All Saint's Church, Beckingham. However, as previously outlined, **tickets will now be limited to two tickets per household/family** to ensure distancing and government guidance can be adhered to. Whilst I cannot enforce any kind of LFT procedure, please can I ask, out of courtesy for others, that you LFT prior to the event. In addition, please can I ask that you wear a mask throughout - unless you are medically exempt.

If you are unable to use your tickets, please return them to the office. If you are in need of an extra ticket, please can I suggest you contact the office via the regular channels to be added to a waiting list, should any tickets be returned.

I appreciate this is still not the normal many of us are used to, however all I can offer is the reassurance that this is more than the school was able to offer last year. I truly wish that I could have been able to offer more tickets to families, however as I previously mentioned, having discussed with other schools, this has been commonplace throughout the local area in order to safeguard our communities.

Let us hope this is the last occasion we must endure a socially distanced Christmas and, as ever, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Phillips
Head teacher