

## Sytchampton Endowed Primary School

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Dear parents,

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas fayre last Friday; all of the children had a great learning experience making all the products – I am always amazed with the different ideas from wrapping paper right through to baubles! The PTA support is very much appreciated and the refreshments are always welcome. It was also excellent to see a range of stall holders. The total raised is still to be confirmed but I believe is already over £1000!

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, Bake Off and E-Safety presentation.**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, for a donation of £1 pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform wearing a Christmas Jumper **for Save the Children**, run by School Council. We will also be offering Christmas dinner for KS1 pupils and those in KS2 who have ordered a lunch. On this occasion we all sit together, crackers are provided and Christmas jumpers make this really festive. This is also the day for the **Silvester House Christmas Bake off**, please bring cakes to the hall and they will be sold at break time and after lunch.

Instead of our celebration assembly I have asked our Community police to provide parents with a **presentation on E-Safety**. This is such an important topic and has been in the news recently. We know that children will be hoping for new digital devices and games at Christmas – but it is important that they play on them safely. We also further information on our website.

### **A King is Born**

**Our KS1 performances** will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Everyone has been working hard learning lines and songs.

We do not charge for tickets but donations are always appreciated and we will also run a raffle at each event to cover costs. We do ask that you spread your family attendance over the 3 dates, with grandparents encouraged to attend the dress rehearsal, as the evening performance is always busy. A DVD will be recorded at the evening performance which will be available to purchase.



This will take place on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December and transport is funded by the PTA; children will need a snack and packed lunch, Reception and KS1 pupils will have a basic packed lunch provided as part of the universal free school meals contract.

Children will need to wear appropriate warm and waterproof clothing with sturdy boots with good non-slip tread as they have time playing in the snow and sledging, followed by a Christmas show. We hope to be back in school by 3.00pm, traffic permitting.

### **Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Doverdale for KS2**

I am delighted to announce that we have been invited back to St Mary's for the Christingle service on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30-2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend at the church which is in a beautiful setting but is difficult for us to access on a regular basis. Transport is being provided by the church. This is for KS2 pupils only due to the capacity of the church.

### **Class parties**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having class parties (party food donations would be appreciated) and hope to have a special visitor during the afternoon! We have cancelled hot dinners for Monday and Tuesday, however, packed lunches will be provided for Reception and KS1 pupils (and those in KS2 who have ordered dinner) and will be supplemented with party food.

### **Carol Concert**

As with last year our KS2 children will lead the Carol Concert, at the earlier time than previously published, of **1pm** on the 19th December with school closing at 2pm. Children will be supervised in school until 3pm, but please note **THERE IS NO WAC AVAILABLE AFTER 3PM.** This is always a wonderful way to end the term and start the holidays.

Whilst we offer a range of Christmas events we also use the time to focus on learning with the letters to Santa which are completed in class and used as an assessment opportunity.

This is always the most magical time in school and I would like to thank staff for all their hard work in ensuring that events run smoothly. Your support is very much appreciated, and I would also like to thank the PTA for their help in making Christmas at Sytchampton so wonderful for all the children.

I will be sending a newsletter out after the plays, but will take this opportunity in wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas,

*Sharon Williams*  
Headteacher

Please remember to visit [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) to purchase gifts which feature your child's drawing. You will need the username Sytchampton and password cOpKxBq7 to order from the website.

