



Friday 20th November 2015

Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration 2015

Dear Parents,

Here at Excalibur, Christmas is celebrated by either a performance in school or by a service in Church. We alternate these venues between Reception/Key Stage 1 and the older children in Key Stage 2.

This year, our Christmas celebration for our younger children will be held at St Mary's Church in Alsager on Friday 11th December at 2pm. As we are in the church we will not need to issue tickets, you can just turn up. We are delighted to be able to use this lovely building at this special time of year!

The children in the Reception class traditionally dress as the characters from the Nativity and a separate letter will be sent out to you informing you of your child's character and if we need you to provide a costume.

Year 1 and 2 children have been asked if they wish to have a speaking part and those that do have had their words sent out today. Please help your child to learn them. We would like all Year 1 and 2 children to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt alongside their school uniform. You do not have to buy anything specially; you may simply wish to 'customise' a plain t-shirt or jumper with some tinsel or other Christmas decorations. We will need these in school in a named carrier bag by Monday 7th December at the latest please.

Because the children are so young, we try not to 'over-rehearse' but we will need a run-through at the Church, at 9.15am. Thursday 10th December. We therefore need your child to meet us at the church at 9.15am.

Please see your child's class teacher if you are **unable** to take your child straight to the Church on that morning for 9.15am rather than come to school. We will all walk back to school at 11.00am, following the rehearsal. Please complete the consent form below allowing your child to walk back to school.

On the day of the service (11th December), children will be taken to church by coach and you can take them home afterwards. If you need to collect older children from school, staff will wait with them until you arrive. Again, please complete the consent form so that your child can travel on the coach to the church.

Finally, as is tradition at a Christmas Church Service, a collection will be taken as you leave.
Half of the money collected will be donated to St. Mary's and half will be donated to a
charity to be decided via the school council.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Rogers, Miss Street and Miss Robinson

I give permission for my child _____ to walk back to school on
Thursday 10th December 2015.

I give permission for my child _____ to travel to the church by
coach on Friday 11th December 2015.

Signed: _____ (parent/carer)