



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas performance arrangements

After a very unusual Christmas term last year, we are delighted to be able to return to some of our festive traditions and the classes are busy engaging in Christmas activities ready for the end of term. The school is already full of excitement!

I would like to apologise for the time it has taken to provide information about our upcoming Christmas performances and I fully appreciate your patience and understanding. When we began planning for the performances before half term, we had assumed that the situation for schools would be more settled but, unfortunately, cases do continue to circulate.

Our intention is to invite parents in to watch the performance as it will be lovely to showcase the children's hard work to a live audience. Unfortunately, we do currently have positive cases linked to one of our classes and are monitoring the situation closely to see if we are able to go ahead safely which we hope will be the case. I am conscious that many of you would appreciate advance notice of any possible dates so as you can plan ahead and so I wanted to outline the proposed Christmas play timetable for if we are able to go ahead as planned. The proposed dates are on the form below and we will send confirmation of the performances to parents on Monday 6th December.

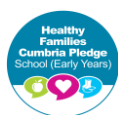
For those parents who are unable to attend in person, or if we are unable to invite in a parent audience, we will endeavour to record the performances that are presented to the children in school and post these on to Google Classroom. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that all children are able to be recorded. We do ask that, when the recordings are posted, that these are not downloaded or shared outside of Google Classroom. If you would prefer your child not to be filmed, please let us know by **Monday 29th November** as we may need to adjust the plays to take this into account.

If we are able to go ahead as planned, I am sure that you can appreciate that we are still operating under a range of protective measures and so we ask for your support in understanding that we will need to do things differently to previous years and will need to restrict numbers to ensure everyone's safety. We have sought advice from the Health & Safety team when planning our event risk assessments, so the following requests are based on their recommendations:

- *There will be two showings of each performance, one for each year group's parents, to reduce numbers and tickets will be limited to a maximum of 2 per household.*
- *Seating will be arranged to maximise space between households and we will need to keep a record of attendees for contact tracing*
- **Face coverings will be required unless exempt**
- *Please do not attend if you are unwell or are exhibiting any of the symptoms of coronavirus*
- *Windows and doors will be open so please be prepared for a cooler experience!*
- **Please be aware that the safety of our students, staff and wider school community is of the utmost importance to us, therefore we may have to change or cancel the event at short notice if we are advised to do so by Public Health.**
- *Adults attending any of the performances only take photographs of their own children and photographs should not be shared across social media.*

We do really appreciate your understanding and patience at this time and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to question or clarify anything further.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher



The performances are as follows:

Nursery & Reception – Nativity

Thursday 9th December at 9.30am

Year 1 & Year 2 – Away in a manger

Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am (Y1 parents)

Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am (Y2 parents)

Year 3 & Year 4 – The day that baby Jesus came to town!

Tuesday 7th December at 2.00pm (Y3 parents)

Wednesday 8th December at 2.00pm (Y4 parents)

If you would like to reserve tickets for any of the above performances, please complete the form below and return to school by **Monday 29th November 2021**.

Year 5 & Year 6

Traditionally, Year 5&6 have been involved in leading a whole school Carol Service at St Mary’s Church on the last day of term and, unfortunately, this is not able to go ahead this year. Whilst this may be disappointing news, we will use this as an opportunity to plan something for the Spring Term where we can properly showcase the children’s talents in front of an audience. Stay tuned for more information!

Ticket order form

Please indicate your requirements below by completing the number of tickets required:

Name of child/parent/carer _____

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Number of tickets (maximum 2) ____

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Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am (Y1 parents)

Number of tickets (maximum 2) ____

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