



## **Christmas 2024 Celebrations at Kingsholm C of E Primary School & Nursery**



Christmas is always a very special time in School, and we wanted to share the different activities and events we will be having.

### **Christingle at St Catharine's Church (Rec- Y6 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December) CHILDREN ONLY**

All the children from Reception to Y6 are invited to very special Christingle Services at St Catharine's Church. We will be holding two services **just for the children**; Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 at 11am, and Rec, Y1 and Y2 will be at 2pm. We will need help walking the children to and from the Church, if any Parents/Carers are available please could you let the school office know.

### **Nursery Christingle (Date To Be Confirmed – In Nursery) CHILDREN ONLY**

We are delighted that our Nursery children will be having their very own Christingle, led by the St Catharine's Team. Nursery staff will let parents have this information directly.

### **Forest School Christmas Celebration (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in School) Current Forest School Children ONLY**

The children who have been doing Forest School this term, (Since Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November), will be making special decorations outside during the day. Please make sure your children have warm clothing.

### **Early Years Christmas Sing A Long (Nursery and Reception - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Oak Hall) Nursery & Reception PARENTS & CARERS Welcome**

Nursery and Reception will be having their Sing A Long in Oak Hall at 2.30. Parents/Carers are warmly invited to join us. There will be two tickets per child for their family.

### **Nativity Play (Year 1 Children - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Oak Hall) Y1 PARENTS & CARERS Welcome**

We are having two performances on the same day this year.

- Thursday 12th December at 9:30am
- Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm

There will be three tickets per Y1 child **in total** which can be used at the performances, e.g 1 ticket in the morning and two tickets in the afternoon, or all 3 tickets at the morning performance and no tickets used for the afternoon etc. We will also be taking photos of the children in their costumes which you will be able to order and purchase.

### **Class Christmas Parties 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December CHILDREN ONLY**

We will be having Christmas parties in every class during the school day. Please could you sign your child up on the class lists, to bring an item of party food, (These food items need to be in a sealed packet with the ingredients listed) on the day of their class Christmas party. The children will still be having their lunch at lunchtime as normal. If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian, please can they bring a small plate of party food just for them to eat.

All children can bring their party clothes to school in a bag on the day of their party and will change at school. Please can all children wear suitable footwear. Class Christmas parties will be on the following dates:

| Year group                           | Christmas Party Day                |
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| Year 2, Year 4, Year 5               | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December |

**Christmas Jumper Day – For Save the Children (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December) CHILDREN ONLY (REVISED DATE)**

We will **now** be holding our festive Christmas jumper day on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** for Save the Children. (The same day as our Christmas Dinner celebration). This is an opportunity for your child to wear a festive jumper to school. The jumper does not have to be bought from a shop; Christmas decorations can be added to an existing jumper. We had some lovely creative ideas last year so do keep them coming! Donations for Save the Children can be made through ParentPay or if you would like a PayPoint voucher, please contact the school office.

**Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December) CHILDREN ONLY**

Every year, we organise an optional delicious Christmas dinner for our children and staff to enjoy together. There is a meat and vegetarian option. This year, the Christmas dinner day will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is eligible for free school meals or your child is in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 where they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, no payment is required. For everyone else, the cost of lunch is £2.45. Please ensure you have paid on ParentPay if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner.

**Nursery Christmas Dinner (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December) NURSERY CHILDREN**

All our Nursery children attending on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December all day will be able to have a special Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> with their staff. There will be a meat or vegetarian option. The cost of lunch will be £2 per child.

**Carols by Candlelight (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December In School) Open to all children and families**

We are delighted to invite you all to the above at 3.30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> which we are hoping to hold outside. This special event will be led by Jo Pestell, the Vicar at St Catharines, and her team, and is an opportunity for us all to come together as a community and celebrate Christmas.

**Festive Fun (1.15 – 2.45pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December) Open to all children and families**

After the huge success of previous years, we will be holding this year's PTFA (Parent/Teacher/Friend Association) Festive Fun on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 1:15pm – 2.45pm, as a special start to the holiday. There will be lots of Christmas craft activities and themed Christmas games, a performance by the children, treats to buy and a special Christmas raffle. We will have two fire pits and be making s'mores – come along and find out more! Payments for everything will be via the token system, tokens will be presold via parent pay and in person for card/cash sales, dates to be confirmed. Look out for the Festive Fun poster saying what the activities are and what their cost will be, to help decide how many tokens to buy. This information will be available on the playground banners and come to you via ping.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Kingsholm Team