



# Twineham CofE School

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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of a fantastic autumn term with everyone working hard and enjoying a busy festive season. Our decorations day was great fun and our school looks ready for Christmas! Children in Buttercup and Daisy classes have been rehearsing for their nativity performance of 'Christmas Counts'; it is looking and sounding brilliant already. Remember to book your 2 free tickets per family to see your child performing either next Tuesday at 2pm or Wednesday at 9am – just call, email or visit the school office. There may also be additional seats available if you would like extra places on the waiting list for either day.

## **KS2 Carol Concert**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term, children from Holly and Ivy classes will be performing poems, readings and Christmas carols in church. The concert begins at 9am and we look forward to seeing you there for this festive finale!

## **Parking**

Unfortunately one of our neighbours was blocked in their driveway last week when they needed to get out. The lane is very challenging and something we are seeking advice with. In the meantime please always leave room for cars to turn out of their driveways; this drive was only partially blocked but it was impossible to manoeuvre the car out safely. Thank you for your patience and understanding with access along the lane; this is a public highway that relies on thoughtfulness and goodwill. Please never drive quickly if you are late as safety should *always* be paramount. We will begin our consultation in January to see how the school community can improve the situation.

## **Football club**

The final football club session will take place tomorrow (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December).

## **Christmas Fair: update from Catherine Sykes**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on Friday, either through donations or participation on the day. Together we raised over £700! This valuable funding will go towards Forest Schooling, Early Years provision, sports equipment and other exciting activities to enrich pupils' learning at Twineham. Particular thanks to Katherine Hudson for the beautiful marquee donated by Arabian Tents, and our stallholders: Nicola Saunders – Phoenix Trading; Sharon Bailey – Parkminster; Ralph & Harriet Birkby – Ralph's Reindeer & Harriet's Holly.





Thanks as always to our tireless FOTS team: Crispin Sykes, Susie Govett, Laura Thornton, Lisa and Andy De Sallis, Victoria Shenton for your contribution, time & energy and to Miss Meeson & Ivy Class for the fun & games! Special thanks to *all* of our helpers and notably those who gave up their Saturday morning to clear down.

### CHRISTMAS DISCO

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5.30-7pm, Hickstead Showground
- DJ \* PHOTO BOOTH \* SECRET SANTA \* GLOW IN THE DARK TOYS \* SWEET SHOP \* FACE PAINTING
- £3 ENTRY ON THE DOOR (under 3's free)
- Siblings welcome. Reception parents please stay on the premises.



### Head Lice

We've had some cases of head lice at school; please check your child's head for lice. If you discover any head lice, please treat them according to NHS guidelines. There are lotions and sprays in addition to wet combing methods – please see the NHS website for any help.

### School Games Gold Award

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the GOLD mark in the School Games programme 2015-16. This is a fantastic achievement and recognition of the school's efforts to maximise opportunities for pupils in PE and sport. The good work continues this year – in this term alone we have participated in NEARS football, NEARS netball, handball, tag rugby, hockey, show jumping and cross country events. We are blessed to have such talented children and we frequently compete with larger schools to enjoy developing our skills.

### Diary dates

- KS1 Christmas performance: dress rehearsal to school Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9am, performances Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9am
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm-7pm: FOTS Christmas Disco at Hickstead
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December pm: Christmas parties
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am: KS2 Carol Concert in church (Holly and Ivy Class only)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: LAST DAY OF TERM
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017: Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: children return to school**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Fire Service visiting Buttercup, Daisy and Ivy classes for 45 minute fire safety workshops
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: half-term break
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: school closed for INSET
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: pupils return to school for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Spring Term
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: World Book Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Easter holidays begin
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April: pupils return to school for Summer Term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: bank holiday

Yours sincerely,

Scott Reece