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Dear Parent/Carer

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

**Re: Christmas Performances**

In light of the recent request from Public Health England for schools to tighten their Covid Risk Assessments, I have reviewed our plans to hold three separate Christmas Performances in the Methodist Chapel. I would hate for us to hold a gathering inside and then have an outbreak which could affect and indeed spoil people's Christmas holidays and planned celebrations.

As such, myself and the team have devised an alternative which is creative, different and should be really good fun for everyone.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 between 1.30 and 2.45pm each Learning Zone will take responsibility for producing a 'scene' from the Nativity Story and these will be showcased at different points around our one-way system. Parents will be given an allocated time slot to arrive at the gates to the main yard where they will be met by the Angel Gabriel and taken on a tour around the one-way system. Each 'scene' will involve actors and a choir who will sing a song linked to their specific part of the Christmas story. We are also hoping to organise some real animals to add authenticity to our scenes!

At the end of the one-way system, there will be minced pies, tea & coffee and raffle tickets for sale whilst the Diamond Learning Zone will entertain parents with carols. Due to Covid, we are unable to offer the usual huge range of raffle prizes but we will have three different hampers available to win. The contents of the hampers will be isolated and sealed in cellophane to reduce risk. If you can donate any food products for our hampers please hand them in at the Collection Box at the main gate each morning. Many thanks to The Friends of Stanhope Barrington for their support with running this.

Let's all hope for mild weather! The children who are actors will be wearing warm clothes underneath their costumes whilst the choir will be wearing coats, hats and gloves. It may be necessary to rotate our younger children so that they are not outdoors for the full period of time.

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Our plan is as follows:

Location	Scene	Learning Zone
Main Gate	Groups of Parents to be met by Angel Gabriel	Diamond
Corner of yard	Mary, Joseph set off to Bethlehem	Emerald
Raised beds	Inn Keepers	Emerald
Reading Garden	The Three Kings	Ruby
Far corner of yard	The Shepherds	Sapphire
EYFS Stage	The Stable and Birth of Jesus	Amethyst
Nursery Yard	Christmas songs	Opal
Under Canopy	Christmas Carols	Diamond
Small Staff car park	Mince Pies, Tea & Coffee and Raffle	Friends of Stanhope Barrington

Our Timetable is as follows:

Time of Arrival at Main Gate	Parents
1.30pm	Opal Parents
1.45pm	Amethyst Parents
2.00pm	Sapphire Parents
2.15pm	Ruby Parents
2.30pm	Emerald Parents
2.45pm	Diamond Parents

Parents should arrive at the allocated time and depending upon numbers will be split into separate groups which will be staggered 5 minutes apart. Parents with children in different learning zones will only need to attend once and should attend for the earliest time slot. Example: if a parent has children in Amethyst and Ruby, they should attend once at 1.45pm – the time allocated for Amethyst parents.

Although the event is outdoors, I am asking you to limit the number of adults to two per child. This is to ensure we can stick to the timetable. If we have lots of additional adults attending it will take much longer to get through all of the tours and will mean parents and children standing outside for longer periods of time. It will also result in parents whose time slot is later in the afternoon having to wait longer for their tour. I do appreciate that other family members would like to attend but would ask that you do stick to two adults per child.

I know parents will appreciate that we have made a huge effort to deliver something for Christmas which they can physically attend. Many schools have cancelled their performances or are selling recordings. We have tried really hard to create a memorable event which will be different but as equally amazing as our usual performances.

Parents will be asked to wear a face covering throughout the tour in line with our Covid Risk Assessment unless they have a medical exemption or have had a discussion with myself. Please

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help us to keep our school safe and operating as normally as possible by wearing a face covering when on school premises. Parents will be in groups of 10-15 people so please wear your face covering.

All of our staff who will be on the yard with the children will have completed a Covid Lateral Flow test and I guarantee that every member of staff will be negative and will pose no risk to parents attending the tour.

Our staff team test a minimum of twice a week and most test daily to ensure that they are safe and to keep your children safe. I personally test every single day as I am all over the school and on the gate and yard every day and this is why it is not necessary for staff members to wear face masks.

Please support our fundraising event by enjoying mince pies, a drink and by buying raffle tickets for the hampers. The Friends have been unable to fund raise for two years now but have continued to contribute towards the cost of educational visits to the Weardale Adventure Centre, paying for Leavers' Hoodies etc throughout the pandemic. Funds are dwindling and we would really appreciate your support at this event.

In the event of rain or exceptionally cold weather, I am afraid that the event will be cancelled.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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