

# Christmas is coming!

## Dear Parents / Carers,

Before we know it the Christmas festivities will be upon us once again. There are lots of festive celebrations and activities for the whole school community to enjoy, so we have compiled an information sheet so that nothing is missed.

### Concerts and Nativities

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Foundation Stage Nativity**

10.00 am Caterpillars and AM Bumblebees

2.30 pm Ladybirds and PM Bumblebees

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Evening Concert at Christ Church 7.00- 8.30 pm (NB DATE CHANGE)**

This year, in order for the children to showcase their many musical talents, a separate evening concert will be held. An additional letter is attached for KS2, to fully explain the organisation of this event. All KS2 children will be taking part within their classes as part of the choir, orchestra, recorder club or through Bird College and Rock and Pop.

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Nativity at Christ Church 10.00 AM**

Years 1 – 6 will be attending the church, however the main performances will be from Years 1 (dance), 2 (nativity) and the Choir. The rest of the school will participate by joining in with some traditional carols. Family members are invited to join us in this celebration.

*We are very grateful that Christ Church can accommodate the school. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together, to reflect upon and celebrate the meaning of Christmas.*

### The Parents Association Christmas Bazaar

This will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10 PM. More details to follow from the PA. There will be lots of activities and stalls, so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

The Parents Association will also be arranging for Father Christmas to visit each class and deliver a class gift.

### The Christmas Post

The school postal system will be up and running from December 1<sup>st</sup>. If children wish to post their Christmas cards they can do so for a small donation of 2p per card. Money raised will be donated to CRISIS at Christmas. Please ensure that all cards are clearly addressed with name and class.

### Christmas Jumpers 15<sup>th</sup> December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, decorate a top in a festive way or wear something Christmassy.

### Christmas Parties

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December AM All Bumblebees** – Children can come to school dressed in appropriate party clothes. **There will be no PM Nursery.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Ladybirds and Caterpillars** - Children can come to school dressed in appropriate party clothes.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December PM KS2 (years 3 – 6)** – Children can bring a change of clothing to change into for their party.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December AM KS1 (years 1-2)** – Children can come to school dressed in appropriate party clothes.

**Teachers will notify classes separately regarding arrangements for party food**

### Staff Panto 20<sup>th</sup> December PM

It has become a bit of an Upland tradition for some of the staff to perform for the children.

**Christmas Lunch Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Orders to be placed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

### CRIBS Christmas message Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Once again CRIBS will be performing their annual Christmas play. Every year they manage to deliver the Christmas message in a different, thought provoking way. We are extremely appreciative of the support that they provide to the school.

### Reminders

School closes for the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30 pm. Bumblebees class closed all day 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

INSET Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Pupils **return** to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Upland Primary School KS2 Christmas Concert 2016

At Christchurch Bexleyheath

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7pm – 8:30 pm (DATE CHANGE)**

Dear Parents of children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6,

This year the children in KS2 will have their own special Christmas Concert on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at Christchurch, Bexleyheath.

The following KS2 children are preparing pieces in their class music lessons;

All pupils in Year 3 Mercury and Pluto	Class violin
All pupils in Year 4 Mars and Venus	Class violin
All pupils in Year 5 Earth and Neptune	Class violin
All pupils in Year 6 Jupiter and Saturn	Class violin and guitar

The following groups are preparing special pieces in their weekly rehearsals;

Year 3 & 4 choir	Children who attend rehearsals on Mondays 8:45am – 9:25am
Year 5 & 6 choir	Children who attend rehearsals on Tuesdays 3:20 pm – 4:30pm
Orchestra	Children who attend rehearsals on Tuesdays 8:45am – 9:25am
Recorder club	Children who attend rehearsals on Tuesdays 12:55pm – 1:25pm
Bird College – Some children playing flutes clarinets, trumpets and violins, group, duet or solo piece.	Please check with your child's tutor if they are performing.
Rock and Pop– Some guitar pupils are preparing group, duet or solo pieces.	Please check with your child's tutor if they are performing.

There will be a combined choir of all the children performing who will have the chance to sing along with the orchestra for carols and our finale song.

Please can the orchestra, recorder club, Bird College and rock and pop musicians be brought to the church at 6:20pm to tune and set up. Choirs, year 3, 4, 5 and 6 class violins/guitars please arrive at 6:45 pm.

Please return the slip attached to confirm that your child will be attending the evening concert by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. If your child attends you are expected to be present at the performance.

We are initially allocating a total of 2 tickets per family who return their slips by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

There is no charge for tickets but there will be a collection in aid of Demelza Children's Charity at the concert.

The concert is not suitable for babies or children under the age of 5 years and non performing children will need a ticket (i.e. KS1 siblings). Performing children do not need a ticket.

After 5<sup>th</sup> December we will have an idea of the numbers of parents and children attending and will let you know if additional tickets will be available.

**If you have any further questions please speak to Mr Gregory.**

**KS2 Christmas Concert reply slip**

**Please return to the school office by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

I will be bringing my child/children .....class.....  
to the evening concert on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

My child / children are in the following groups (please tick) Year3&4 choir, Year 5&6 choir, Orchestra, Recorder club, Bird College, Rock and Pop, year 3 violin, year 4 violin, year 5 violin, year 6 violin/guitar.

Please can I have 1  or 2  tickets (please tick required number)

I understand that children under 5 will not be admitted and any KS1 / FSU pupils must have a ticket

Signed..... Date.....