



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 8th December 2023

Dear Families

We are starting to feel very festive in and around school. The Christmas tree in the playground is twinkling beautifully and all around school our decorations are up and children are enjoying their learning with festive themes woven in.



Carols in the Wilderness:



On Wednesday afternoon Key Stage 2 performed Christmas songs for their families at the Forest School site. This was such a beautiful event and the sun shone as we stood around the fire pit, keeping warm as we listened to the children singing. They all did so well to remember the song words and some children read Bible readings about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Fair:

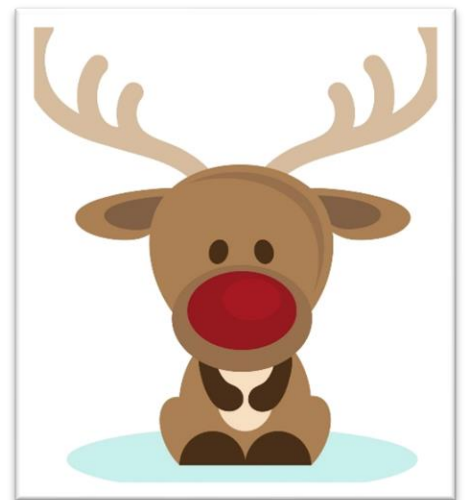
Thank you again to our wonderful PTFA team for organising the Christmas Fair last Friday. Thank you also to families who braved the chilly afternoon to join in the Fair fun. All the money raised from the fair will be spent for things school needs for the children.



Reindeer Run:

Well done to all our reindeer who completed 10 laps of Ashley Park lawn this morning. Your child will have brought home a printed envelope to collect their sponsorship money in support of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The residents were treated to our renditions of some well-known Christmas songs and were delighted to receive a bundle of Christmas cards filled with good wishes.

Please fill in your child's details on the sponsorship envelope and return money by Wednesday 13th December.



Christmas Lunch:



Today many of the children at school have enjoyed Christmas lunch and many staff have joined the children to share the Christmas meal. Thank you to SJ and the Innovate team at Milford School for cooking and serving our delicious meal.



Christmas Activities and Services at the Clandon Churches – ALL WELCOME:

There are lots of family activities taking place in the Clandon churches this Christmas, starting tomorrow with Messy Church at East Clandon village hall.



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Celebrating the feast
of St Lucia

Saturday 9th December 3.00-5.00pm

East Clandon Village Hall

Why not take a break from shopping and spend a couple of hours at the Clandons' Christmas Messy Church? We'll be celebrating the feast of St Lucia with Scandi-inspired Christmas crafts, carols and a scrumptious festive feast for all the family. We do hope you will join us!

If you are coming along, please let Tessa know (particularly about any dietary issues) so we can make sure there are Crafts and food for all!

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES at the Clandon Churches



Advent Sunday 3rd December at West Clandon Church
Do come to our very special family-friendly **All Age Eucharist service** on Advent Sunday at **10.30am**, the day which marks the official beginning of the church's Christmas season. Today we shall light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Messy Church 9th December in East Clandon village hall
Hooray – it's **Christmas Messy Church on Saturday 9th December** in East Clandon Village Hall, **3.00-5.00pm**. Families are warmly welcomed to join us for an afternoon of Christmas craft and creativity, song and celebration and some fabulous festive food for all the family!



Christmas decoration workshop 16th December at West Clandon Church
On Saturday 16th December, our friends at Clandon Park are organising a **Christmas decoration workshop**! Everyone is invited to drop in at West Clandon church between **2 and 4pm**, where a specially commissioned local artist will help them make beautiful Christmas Tree decorations – one to adorn the church's tree and one to take home for yours!



Christmas Eve Crib Service 24th December at West Clandon Church
Held at **3pm** on Christmas Eve in West Clandon Church, the **Crib Service** is always really popular. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family. Children (and adults too!) are encouraged to come along dressed as a Nativity character or in other suitably festive attire.



Children's Choir



We are recruiting for the **Clandons Children's Choir** to sing at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Contact Tessa Forbes as soon as possible if you have a child (aged 5-11) who loves singing and would like to join in!

Christmas Day family services
On The Big Day itself, do come along to one of our special family-friendly **Christmas Day services** - **East Clandon Church, 9.15am** or **West Clandon Church, 10.30am**



Further information from tessa@clandon-churches.org

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Developing Communication Skills:



Would you rather
decorate 100
Christmas trees or
decorate 100
cookies?



Warmest wishes from

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Autumn Term Dates

*New dates added or updated event

December	Fri 1 st	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school starting at 3.00pm
	Wed 6 th	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 th	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 3.45pm finish
	Wed 13 th	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am
	Fri 15 th	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

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