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## *Growing and Learning Together through Faith, Friends and Fun*

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

### **Christmas Concerts**

We do hope that you can join us once again for our Christmas Concerts this year. We know how popular the events can be and have therefore encouraged many of you to attend the afternoon performance in the past as an alternative to the very busy after school performance.

Due to the increasing numbers attending the performances over previous years, we have decided to allocate tickets this year so that we know exactly how many people to expect and can ensure that we are within health and safety regulations. This limits the numbers of tickets available initially but there is a chance of gaining further tickets through the reserve list.

As the main reason for allocating tickets is health and safety, we also insist that any siblings brought to the performance also have a ticket and are seated with you. In previous years we have noticed that more siblings either gather in the very front of the stage or by the fire exit at the rear of the hall. This can sometimes be off-putting for the young performers and could potentially be a safety issue should there be a fire alarm. Although this seems extreme as it can be a lovely gathering for those siblings, should a real fire occur and the alarm sounded, you could imagine how unsettling this would be for you the parents and for the children involved.

The price of tickets has also increased this year. This has been kept to a minimum in the past but resources and productions do cost the school money. As a school, we need to cover the increasing cost of productions, the necessary licence fees and any additional costumes or props (including the resources) for the performance. This year the 'lucky programme' which previously cost £1 has been incorporated into the overall price of tickets and will not be an additional amount on entry.

### **Confirmation**

This year, confirmation falls on the same evening as our Key Stage Two performance. This is unfortunate yet has been unavoidable for a number of reasons. There have been clashes in the past due to this very busy period of the year, therefore, in the future school children will be given the opportunity of confirming their faith during the Easter ceremony.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Griffiths