



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

4 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, on behalf of the school community, I would like to offer my thanks to the PSA for organizing this year's Christmas Fayre. The choir did a wonderful job introducing the evening, and I am grateful to the many members of our school community that volunteered, or participated in games, stalls and other festivities.

As the end of a busy term approaches, I wanted to highlight a number of events for your attention.

Christingle Service with West Park – Monday 9 December

As part of our Growing Partnerships agreement between school, community and St Mary's Church, we will be joining with our other church school in our locality – West Park – for a Christingle Service. This will take place on Monday 9 December 2024 at 5:30pm at the church. The service will be organised by West Park and supported by Mrs Whittaker and members of our Liturgy team. I would encourage you to attend this service if you can, so that together we can focus on the real meaning of the festive season.

**Tuesday 10/Wednesday 11 December
School Nativities Years R-2**

Group 1: Magpie/Woodpecker/Finch

Group 2: Owl/Starling/Robin

Performance times

Group 1: Tuesday 10th December 9.20am and Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm

Group 2: Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 11th December 9.20am

This is not a ticketed event. Please queue by the gate next to the school office. The doors will open approximately 10 minutes before the start of the nativities. The nativity performances will be recorded and can be purchased for £12.00 via MCAS. Both performances are on one DVD or digital download.



Thursday 12 December – Christmas Cards

Christmas cards can be brought in to school from Thursday 12th December and put in the year group boxes on the hall. Please make sure they have the name and class clearly marked on the envelope

Monday 16 December – All Reception/Y1 & 2 reading books to be returned to school.

Please note that there will be no Reception/Year 1 & 2 books going home in the final week of term to allow us to audit our current resources. As in previous years, a replacement charge of £4.50 will be issued for any books that are not returned, or returned damaged.

Tuesday 17 December – Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Party Bags sent home

If you would like to order a Christmas meal, please ensure you order by Thursday 5th December. Please see previous letter regarding a Christmas jumper/outfit.

Children will bring home a paper food bag on this day ready to be filled with a few festive treats and brought back into school on Thursday 19th December for their Christmas parties.

Wednesday 18 December - Key stage 2 (Y3-6) Carol service at St Mary's Church

We are looking forward to Year 4 children leading our Key stage 2 Carol service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 18 December. The classes attending each service will be as follows:
9.15 Puffin (leading), Kingfisher, Seagull, Kestrel, Hawk, KS2 Choir
10.30 Seagull (leading), Swallow, Puffin, Osprey, Eagle, KS2 Choir
All parents are invited to attend but should be aware that seating in the side aisles is limited.

Thursday 19 December – Christmas parties

Children may wear their own clothes. Suitably warm clothes and sensible footwear only please. Children will need to bring in their **named** Christmas party food paper bag containing a small selection of Christmas treats (**no nut based products please**)

Friday 20 December

Last day of term.

Children return to school on Monday 6 January 2025

Polite reminder

No hot drinks of any kind or in any container are allowed in school. This is for the safety of the children.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the autumn term. As a staff team, we feel blessed to have a school community so keen to enrich the opportunities of the children in our care.

We look forward to the many different experiences the children will have over the next two and a half weeks, as we are reminded of the importance of the birth of Jesus and how His message of love, hope, and compassion resonates in our daily lives today. By developing children's understanding of this, we hope to inspire them to carry these lessons of goodwill and peace beyond the Christmas season.

Yours sincerely,

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