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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Straw and Order**

It is very exciting to be planning a live nativity performance after missing last year's. Although we are excited and rehearsals and preparations are well underway there is an element of caution as we could be forced to cancel at any time should we experience a Covid outbreak or have any guidance changes. We are praying that we will be able to go ahead all be it with some additional measures in place.

This year our whole school nativity performance is called Straw and Order.

In a courtroom in the middle of Bethlehem...

The cows feel pushed out of their stable and they want it back! The donkeys, accused of having invited over a whole host of people, including a baby, deny all charges.

Fed up by their petty squabbles and confused by the nature of the case, Judge Grumps is far from happy. Seeing this, the narrator offers to take him out of the courtroom to witness the night's events first hand.

As the judge encounters bickering innkeepers, self-important wise men, cool shepherds, some dancing sheep and a spectacular angel choir, everything starts to become clear. Rushing to the stable, the judge is humbled by the sight of Jesus and when he and all the characters experience the peace and love that this special baby has brought in to the world, it seems that the judge's verdict is inevitable.

It is an expectation that all children from Reception to Year 6 attend the evening nativity performance as it is very confusing for other children if members of the cast are not there. If there is any reason you know your child cannot be at the evening performance then please let us know by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November so we can cast appropriately.

Our performances will be 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and at 2pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

This year we will have to put some additional Covid measures in place to make the performances as safe as possible for everyone, these will include;

- No one to attend with any Covid symptoms.
- If you have a household member who has tested positive within the previous 10 days, you **must not** attend.
- All audience members encouraged to take lateral flow tests prior to coming into school.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance.
- Audience members encouraged to wear face coverings whilst they are in school.



- A slightly reduced audience number.
- All windows and doors will be kept open during the performance so please dress appropriately
- Reduced audience toilet facilities

As usual, each member of the audience, including any children and babies who are in the audience, will need a ticket. This will also ensure each member of the audience has a seat and should make for a comfortable and safe viewing experience for all. To keep the ticket allocation fair, we are initially offering each family with children in school a **total of 3 tickets but no more than 2 per family for any performance** initially. After Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December if we have tickets available we will let you know and these will be released on a first come first served basis.

As it has worked so well before we are going to use Eventbrite again. Please follow the link below to reserve your tickets;

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-nativity-straw-and-order-7th-dec2pm-and-6pm-and-8th-dec-2pm-tickets-217429727167>


Please do not request more than a total of **three** tickets across all the performances and no more than 2 for the evening performance e.g. 2 for Tuesday 6pm and 1 for Wednesday 2pm. If a family requests too many tickets on Eventbrite we will have to cancel them.

As always, we anticipate the evening performance will be very popular so if at all possible please try to come along to one of the afternoon performances.

As usual we will be having a collection after each performance this year will split the proceeds between Ovarian Cancer In memory of Pat Brass and Toilet Twinning so we can twin our school toilets with a block of school toilets in a community in another part of the world where our help will be much appreciated. Please give generously if you can.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to me.

Kind regards



Mrs Emma Pomfret  
Headteacher

