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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Elves and The Shoemaker

Here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we love to provide our children with many opportunities and experiences and this includes theatre trips.

On Tuesday 15th December we are taking children who are in Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) to Durham Gala Theatre to see **The Elves and The Shoemaker**. This is a fantastic opportunity where the children will enjoy a festive production.

We will travel by coach to Durham, leaving school around **12:30pm**, in order to arrive at the theatre for a 1:30pm start. The production is due to finish at 2:30pm. We will then make our way back to school, arriving back at approximately **3:15pm**.

School will provide children with a drink and snack to enjoy whilst watching the show. Children will have an early lunch on this day.

We ask for a **voluntary contribution of £12** which will go towards the price of tickets and the coach. The remainder of the cost will be paid by the school. If you have 2 children going on the trip, the second ticket will be discounted to £8. We are acutely aware that times are hard for many of our families and we do not want any of our children to miss out on this amazing experience. Therefore, a payment item is available on Arbor where parents can split the cost of the trip into manageable instalments to be paid over the next 2 months, in order for full payment to be received by 4th December 2026. If anyone has any difficulty in meeting this payment schedule, please contact Mrs Ashton in confidence.

Thank you for your support in helping us to provide the children with these enriching and memorable experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Executive Headteacher