# November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

# Christmas at Deansfield

As you know Deansfield is always a very busy school, but at Christmas everything is in full swing! We will be holding four separate Christmas events, see below. These events are always very popular and therefore space is limited to **two tickets per family**. Please do not request more tickets as this may result in your duplicate booking being cancelled without consultation. Details of the events are listed below:

- Nursery Christmas activity Day, two sessions Friday 8th December at 8.45-10am and 12.45-2pm. Please click here to request tickets <u>Nursery Activity Day tickets</u> Please note if you child attends an AM or PM nursery session you will need to book your tickets accordingly.
- Reception and Year 1 Two performances, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Please click here to request tickets <u>Reception and Year 1 performance tickets</u> If you wish to take your child home after the <u>afternoon</u> performance you may do so, after advising your class teacher.
- Years 2 and 3 Two performances, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Please click here to request tickets <u>Year 2 and 3 performance tickets</u>
  If you wish to take your child home after the <u>afternoon</u> performance you may do so, after advising your class teacher.
- Years 4, 5 & 6 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Carol Concert, Two performances, 2pm and 6.30pm. St Luke's Church, Westmount Road, SE9 1XQ. Please remember that children are expected to attend both events. Please click here to request tickets <u>Years 4, 5 and 6 performance tickets</u>

Afternoon Performance at St Luke's: Children will go to St Luke's after lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The Concert will start at 2pm (doors open at 1.50pm) and will last approximately one hour. If you attend this performance, you may take your child home from the Church, otherwise they will be brought back to school to leave at the usual time. If you take your child from the Church, please let your Class Teacher know beforehand.

For the evening concert, children should be at the Church by 6.20pm, wearing school uniform. The concert will start at 6.30pm. If you are not staying for the concert, please pick your child up from the church at 7.30pm but inform the Class Teacher before you take your child home.

We will carry out rehearsals during the morning session at the church (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December) when we will walk Years 4, 5 & 6 children to St Luke's. Please let your class teacher know if you can accompany the children on the walk.

We hope to see you at the concert. Tickets will be issued to gain entry, and this will be limited to a maximum of 2 per family. Please, if at all possible, make alternative childcare arrangements for younger children.

There will be a collection for a charity of the School Council's choice – further details will be sent as soon as they have been decided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Christmas Jumper Day and Panto Thursday 7th December

Our annual Christmas jumper day will be taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to invite all children to wear a fun festive jumper along with their normal school uniform in exchange for £1. All money raised goes directly to Save the children. Lots of you may already have Christmas jumpers but if not then please don't panic, here are two alternatives to avoid costly Christmas jumpers this year but still not miss out on the fun...

#### Christmas jumper Sale

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm the FODS are holding a Christmas jumper sale. You can swap jumpers, donate jumpers or make a contribution towards jumpers.

#### Create your own:

This year why not upcycle a jumper into something festive. There are lots of simple and effective ways to do this available online and the best part is no one will have the same jumper as you!

This year we are very pleased to announce the return of our live Christmas panto for all children. Voluntary contributions can be made via FODS, please see the newsletter for details.

### Deansfield Christmas Lunch Friday 15th December 2023

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be holding a **Christmas Lunch** at the school for all the children to enjoy. It will be a traditional Christmas Turkey dinner with all the trimmings: a vegetarian option will also be available. The menu can be viewed below.

If your child normally has packed lunches and would like the Christmas lunch instead, please email the school office at <u>dfcontact@deansfield.compassps.uk</u> to let us know and inform us of any allergies.

### AS all school meals are free this year for all year groups there is no cost for a Christmas lunch.

In addition, there will be class parties for the children. Children and class teachers will let you know when these will take place.

Our hardworking Friends of Deansfield have come up trumps again this Christmas; **children's discos 30<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas Fayre 9<sup>th</sup> December** – please see the weekly Friday Flyer and follow the friends of Deansfield social media posts for further details.

We are really looking forward to Christmas at Deansfield and seeing you at this special time. We suspect we may be the first to do so, but we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Daly (Head Teacher) On behalf of all the staff and children of Deansfield Primary School



MAINS Roast Turkey OR Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

> SIDES Roast Potatoes Cocktail Sausage Stuffing & Gravy Carrots & Peas

DESSERT Festive Chocolate & Vanilla Ice-Cream Pot With Festive Shortbread