



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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22nd November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Christmas Festivities – December 2024**

As we head towards Advent and Christmas, both very special times in the Christian calendar, we are looking forward to our annual festivities with the children. We are really excited about our Christmas celebrations this year and are looking forward to welcoming families to be part of some of our festivities.

### **Key Stage 1 Performance 'I'm Gonna Shine' – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Year 1 and Year 2 start our celebrations with their performance of I'm Gonna Shine from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December (see below for timings). If you have not yet ordered tickets to see your child's performance, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Similarly, if you would like additional tickets, please pop in to check whether there are any available when we have fulfilled all ticket requests.

#### **Performance Times:**

|  | <b>10.00 a.m.</b>                       | <b>5.30 p.m.</b>                        |
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| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>    |   | All pupils in Y2AR, Y2CH, Y1JT and Y1PB |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>   | All pupils in Y2AR, Y2CH, Y1JT and Y1PB | All pupils in Y2AR, Y2CH, Y1JT and Y1PB |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> | All pupils in Y2AR, Y2CH, Y1JT and Y1PB |   |

### **Festive Thursday – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Rather than Christmas Jumper Day we have framed the day as 'Festive Thursday' allowing children (and adults) to wear any item of clothing, maybe even a favourite item of clothing for the festive period. This might be something with a bit of sparkle, a favourite football shirt or something Christmas themed - the focus is on clothing that makes the children feel happy so we can really enjoy our a 'Festive Thursday' together.

In readiness for this the children will also create 'Christmas Crowns' in school prior to the day which can then also be worn as part of our festivities. Our focus is on celebrating together and including all and we hope this approach will support this. We will undertake a collection for Save the Children but please only donate if you can afford to.



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### **Christmas Lunch – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Our Festive Thursday will be a very busy day in school as alongside our Festive Thursday plans, it is also our Christmas Lunch Day which is always a very popular event as part of our Christmas celebrations but also within the school calendar. If you would like to order a Christmas lunch for your child, please go onto ParentPay to place the order. The last date for ordering it is midnight on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Our sharing of Christmas performances and presentations continues with the youngest pupils in our school sharing their Christmas Celebration with families on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am - no tickets are required, please just attend on the day. We really hope you will be able to join us.

We all look forward to welcoming families and friends into school and church, with our church links very important to us all, as part of our Christmas festivities this year. I know the children are also very excited to share their performances with you all – their gift to you all at such a special time of the year.

### **Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Key Stage 2 (pupils in Years 3 to 6) then take up the baton for the final celebration with our annual Key Stage 2 Carol Concert held at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas at 7pm. Our carol concert is always a favourite for all in our festive calendar and we are sure this will be no different this year as it is a time for us to come together as a community and share this special time of year. All our families with pupils in Key Stage 2 are invited to be part of this Christmas Act of Worship. Tickets are not required for this event.

### **Christmas Celebration Day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The Christmas Celebrations for all classes this year will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. As part of the day the children will be taking part in a whole range of fun activities, within their classes and also potentially within their Year Groups. As part of the celebrations, all children can come to school on Wednesday in their favourite outfit for the festive season and do not need to wear school uniform.

The plan is that this will be a time of celebration and an opportunity for us all to thank the children for not only their commitment over the course of the Christmas period in producing their presentations for families and friends, but also for their hard work and commitment over the course of the school year so far. I know the staff are already very busy plotting and planning and we are all looking forward to a wonderful Wednesday as part of our celebrations.

### **Christmas Act of Worship – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

We will then conclude our Christmas celebrations with our final Christmas Act of Worship on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. As per our usual Christmas routine this will be held in school where the whole school community will come together for an Act of Worship. We will then break up for the Christmas break at the end of the day – Key Stage 1 at 3.10pm and Key Stage 2 at 3.20pm.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley  
Head Teacher

