28 November 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

**Thursday 8 December 2022**

**School Christmas Advent Service**

**6.00pm St Paul’s Church**

**Admission is by Invitation only and these will be sent home with your child**

The school Advent Service will take place in church on Thursday 8 December 2022.

Each year the reception children perform the Nativity in church, during our Advent Service, the costumes are provided by school and every child has an important role to play. Each year the Nativity is the high point of our Christmas Celebration, if you have never seen it performed before bring your tissues, it’s fantastic!

The children in reception class have been practising their role for many, many weeks and they are very excited to perform it for you. To ensure that everything runs to time please make a note of these important factors: -

* Your reception child must arrive at church wearing their full **Nativity Costume.**
* Your reception child should arrive at the side door of church at 5.30pm, prompt. The door will be answered by a member of school staff.
* Please remove your reception child’s outdoor coat, hat etc to ensure it is not mixed up in church.
* Your reception child will go with the school staff into church to prepare.
* You should then go to the front door of church and wait with the parents and children to enter by the main church entrance.
* Due to Health & Safety legislation that the fire service have put in place, the number of people allowed in at any one time is restricted. Therefore, entry is by ticket invitation only. Two tickets per family will be issued and sent home with your child.
* Photographs will not be permitted during the service, as a number of children do not have permission to be photographed.
* At the end of the service the children will be ‘posed’ on the main church altar, children who cannot be photographed will be discreetly removed and parents will be invited to take as many pictures at this point as you would like.
* Your child will be returned to you by a member of school staff at the end of the service when they have changed back into their school uniform.
* Your child will return home after the service wearing their Nativity costume. This should be returned to school the following morning and handed to a member of the Reception class staff.

The children have worked very hard on their performance, and we hope that you enjoy it.

The Christmas Service is a wonderful opportunity to come into our church and embrace the true meaning of Christmas.

If you enjoy this service and would like to attend further Christmas Services in our church, please speak to the school office staff or Rev Mark. If you are new to church, you will be made very welcome by the congregation.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A E Jackson