



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

Two more weeks to go until the end of term and therefore, you can expect plenty of 'Christmas' coming up!

Christmas Cards

As many children would like to send in Christmas Cards to their friends at school, we will be setting up a post-box in the school corridor from Monday next week. Should your child wish to post any cards, please can you ask them to write the recipients name and class on the envelope? We will sort these cards to distribute on the last day of term.



The Owl who Came for Christmas

This morning, our Ladybirds went on a special trip to The Haymarket Theatre to see a production of The Owl who Came for Christmas! This trip is kindly funded by the PTA and the children were so excited to have this opportunity. It was wonderful to see our littlest ones getting to experience the magic of theatre. We transported the children by borrowing the Bishopswood and Bramley minibuses – we are ever hopeful that Silchester will one day have their own minibus to make these experiences more accessible for our children.

Christmas Market

A big thanks to all of you for your donations and to Helen Blair and our fab team of PTA volunteers who have enabled our Christmas Market to happen today. It is such a lovely chance for our children to do their own 'secret' Christmas Shopping and a great opportunity for the 'buddies' to help each other. We do hope that you parents get some great gifts!

Upcoming Nativities

Next week is Nativity Week! The children in Chestnut and Hazel Class are doing brilliantly with their rehearsals and we can't wait for you to see it. They will be doing a dress rehearsal to the whole school and local nurseries on Tuesday 10th December. We will then be holding non-ticketed open performances for parents, grandparents and others on:

- Wednesday 11th December at 2:15pm
- Thursday 12th December at 9:15am

This year, our Ladybirds Class (Year R) are doing their own nativity Christmas show for parents on:

- Friday 13th December at 2:30pm

We will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies and collecting donations for the resources purchased for the nativity.



Nativity Tableau

Year 5 have made some impressive 'nativity heads!' to be used in the Nativity Tableau being set up outside school by members of our church community. We hope you enjoy it! After school on Wednesday 12th December, Reverend Karen and Reverend Rob will be making some hot chocolate for you to enjoy on your way out from school.

Ufton Court

Wishing all of our Year 5s a really, great time at their residential to Ufton Court next week. A big thank you to the staff organising and attending with them. We look forward to sharing all about it next week.



Christingle Toy Service

And yet another thank you! This time from Reverend Karen on behalf of the Salvation Army for all of the toys and games you donated towards their Christmas Present appeal:

*The **biggest of thank yous**, for everyone's **amazing generosity** in donating so many beautiful gifts for the Salvation Army toy appeal. My car was literally jammed to the gunnels with goodies - below is a picture of them having been delivered to their Tadley base:*

Carol Concert

We would love for as many of you as possible to join us for our annual Carol

Concert which this year will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm. Helen Bristow and our school choir have been practicing their performance and all will be invited to sing heartily!



Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 9 th December – 5:45pm	Loddon Valley Lions Santa starting at The Calleva
Wednesday 11 th December – 2:15pm Thursday 12 th December – 9:15pm	Nativity Performances – Chestnut and Hazel Class (Year 1,2,3)
Friday 13 th December – 2:30pm	Nativity Christmas Show – Ladybirds Class (Year R)
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th December	Year 5 residential to Ufton Court
Monday 16 th December	PTA Christmas Quiz at The Calleva – see their FaceBook page
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm – 7pm Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner at School
Thursday 19 th December	Chestnut and Hazel Class – Nativity Trail with the church
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term and break up for Christmas Holidays

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

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Head of School