



# Countdown to Christmas in Reception at Sandringham!



**Dear Parents,**

Christmas at Sandringham is a very busy time, so we wanted to contact you early to clarify dates and any information that will be relevant to Moles and Hedgehogs. Here is our countdown to Christmas!

## **Friday 7th December**

This afternoon the children will be taking part in an “Elf Run” raising money for the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice. They will be given a pair of elf ears by school and complete a short circuit around the playground... cheered on by some rather festive spectators!

## **Saturday 8th December**

The FRIENDS of Sandringham are organising our annual Christmas Fayre. All families are welcome to join us between 1-3pm on this afternoon.

## **Monday 10th December**

Today the children will need to be dropped off at Frimley Baptist church in the morning **at 8.45am** for a dress rehearsal of our Nativity performance. If your child attends Breakfast Club then the staff will walk them down to the church. The rest of the school will be watching our dress rehearsal, but sadly we are not able to accommodate parents to this performance. After the dress rehearsal we will walk the children back up to school. The children find this day very tiring and so it might be helpful if your child could have a hot dinner on this day so that they do not have to carry their lunch box. They do not need to bring their book bag to the church today. Please collect your child from school as normal.

## **Tuesday 11th December**

The Christmas story comes alive this afternoon as the children enjoy a LIVE Nativity scene set up on the playground. The team at Millers Ark Farm will be dropping by with a selection of animals from the Christmas story including a donkey, lambs... and a goat! The children will be able to see the Christmas story set up with characters and will have the opportunity in small groups to pet some of the animals too. If your child has a phobia or allergy to any farm animals, please make a member of the team aware prior to this event. Thank you.

## **Wednesday 12th December**

Today the children once again need to be dropped at the church **from 8.30am**. This allows us to get them changed into their costumes and settled ready for our Nativity performance. A more detailed letter will follow shortly regarding arrangements for the Reception Nativity.

All parents are welcome to stay and watch the performance which will begin as near to 9.15am as possible. Once again, it would be helpful if the children could have a hot dinner and leave their book bag at home. The teachers will walk the children back to school once the Nativity is finished. School finishes at normal time on this day.

### **Thursday 13th December**

We have a Pantomime coming in to school this morning to entertain the children!

### **Friday 14th December**

The children will take part in a Christingle service in their year groups. This is for the children only.

We would like all children to come to school with an orange on **Tuesday 11th December**, ready to make the rest of their Christingle. As part of the service led by Miss Randles, the children will be fully supervised as we light the candles of our orange and sing some of our favourite Christmas carols.

Today is also our Christmas lunch and National Christmas Jumper day! To acknowledge this, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day if they wish.

### **Tuesday 18th December**

Today is Party Day! Children are invited to come in to school in party clothes ready for a day of Christmas games and activities. The day will finish with a drink and cake to celebrate the end of our first term at big school!

### **Wednesday 19th December**

School finishes for the Christmas holidays today at 1.30pm. School returns on Monday 7th January 2019.

## **GENERAL REMINDERS...**

**School Hats/Caps** - From today the children need to have their school logo caps or school logo woolly hats in their bags at all times. For all trips/walks out of school, the children wear these to ensure they are easily identifiable when off the school site.

**Cloakroom Whiteboards** - Please check this daily for reminders and notices.

**Individual Reading** - Please be aware that during the last week of term individual readers may not be heard due to the change in the timetable, however we will endeavour to change your child's book so that they can continue to practise at home. Please remember they can continue to change their reading books and take home a Library book every day.

## **And finally.....**

Christmas at Sandringham is a busy and fun time! As the timetable is different it can mean that for some children they may feel extra tired and occasionally tearful. Please do not worry, this is very normal but if you have any concerns then please come and see us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We feel that it has been a very successful start to the year and we have really enjoyed getting to know you and your children.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! School begins again on Monday 7th January 2019.

**Kind Regards**

**Miss Randles, Mrs Robinson and all in the Reception Team**

