



**The Federation  
of The Downs & Northbourne  
Church of England Primary Schools**



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***“if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible.”  
(Matthew: 17 v20)***

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6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Christmas Singing – Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.45pm**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec the whole school will be singing through the Christmas songs that they enjoy singing with Mrs Tutton. We are inviting our friends from Sandwich Age-Concern to come along and listen to the children, parents are very welcome to join us as well. Please arrive for 1.45pm for Christmas singing followed by tea, coffee and mince pies from the kitchen hatch. Do come along if you can.

**Wear your Christmas jumper day – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

We will be holding a Christmas jumper day on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, in support of Save the Children. We invite all children and adults to wear a Christmas jumper for the day in return for a donation. All money collected will go to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper campaign. The advertised official national date for Christmas Jumper day is Fri 13<sup>th</sup>, however, we are holding our day on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> to coincide with our school Christmas dinner day. **Please note: it is not a non-uniform day, Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers please.**

Upcoming Christmas events:

- Tue 10<sup>th</sup>, 1.45pm – Christmas Singing
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – wear your Christmas jumper day
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm – Nativity (Years R, 1 and 2)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm – Nativity (Years R, 1 and 2)
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm – Values Assembly
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm – Christmas Service at St Augustine’s Church (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term, collect from 1.00pm

**Clubs**

Aside from Dance with Charley (last session Friday 13<sup>th</sup>) – All Clubs have finished until next term.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term arrangements**

Please note, on the last day of term, parents are welcome to collect their children from 1.00pm. School will stay open until 3.00pm as usual for any parents who are unable to collect early. If your child goes home on the school bus, this will depart at the usual time of 3.00pm

### **Love in a Box for the Homeless**

Thank you for all the donations we have received for the homeless Christmas collection. It is lovely to see a wide variety of food, gifts and essential hygiene donations being so generously given to some of our most vulnerable members of the community. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec a member of staff from Canterbury Community Shelter will be joining us in morning Collective Worship in order to talk to the children about the impact their donations will have this Christmas time. If you still want to donate a box, there is still time to drop one off first thing Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr M Reynolds  
Headteacher

### **Class Assembly Dates – 2:30 pm**

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December – Values Assembly

**The BIG question:**  
Would you rather be  
inside all day or  
outside all day?



Jessica and George O'Brien in front of the beautifully decorated tree donated by their parents.