

Christmas is coming to Little Gems!

Dear Parents,

We have been busy planning our Christmas activities and events here at Little Gems and we are being quite ambitious this year! To save reams of letters going home, we've popped it all on one letter with a sheet at the back for you to sign and return to specify your interest or consent **shown in red** to some or all of it! Here goes.....



St James Church Christmas tree festival 8th and 9th December at the church

We are getting involved in the St James Church Christmas tree festival this year. We will be decorating it on Thursday 6th December with the theme 'Santa's workshop'. The children will be making decorations beforehand but we also want small toys (e.g tiny teddies, trains, cars, dolls etc... and stockings to hang on the tree. **If you can donate or lend some please name them and bring them in by 5th December** they will be returned to you once we take the tree down after the event.

Photographs of the children weeks beginning 30th October and 6th November

Mrs Parker took some stunning photographs of some of our leavers last year and this year we have asked her to take individual photographs this Christmas. We feel as the children are comfortable with her she is more likely to get more natural shots of the children. **Please speak to us if you do not wish your child to be photographed.** These will be taken during session times weeks beginning 30th October and 6th November with options to order from 12th November to be returned in good time for Christmas.



Christmas baubles

end of November/early December

We are really excited that Mrs Topping will be doing Christmas baubles again for us this year at Little Gems. At a cost of £2.50 your child will be able to decorate their own Christmas bauble to hang on your tree at home and/or to give as gifts to family and friends. **Please complete your order on the back of this letter and how many you would like your child to make.** We will encourage but not force your child to make one. Children will decorate their bauble at the end of November/early December.



Turkey and tinsel

Weds 5th & Thurs 6th December

Instead of lunchboxes we will be having a traditional **Christmas dinner** for the children and staff on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December.

Crackers, hats, Christmas music all included! Full Christmas dinner, turkey and all the trimmings. Chocolate Yule log instead of Christmas pudding to suit most children's tastes better. **The cost will be £2.50 each.** We hope all the children will be able to join us on at least one of these days. **If you would like your child to be involved and they don't normally attend on a Wednesday or Thursday please come and speak to us.**



Little Gems Nativity

Tuesday 11th December 2018

The children will be performing a short nativity “Whoops-A-Daisy Angel” on Tuesday 11th December. Due to space in the hall we have to limit the numbers in the audience so we will be doing two performances, one at 9.30am and one at 11am. We will be encouraging all the children to be involved. There will be simple costumes and we will ask for your help with these...details to follow!

There will be no pre-school session on this day, please speak to us if you would like your child to attend a different session during this week.

Please indicate on the form which performance you would like to watch and how many tickets you would like (max of 4 each family due to space) Tickets £2.50 each

- Tickets include a glass of wine/fruit juice and a mince pie.
- Please bring your child to Little Gems at 9.10am with their costume in a named bag.
- The children will have a play and a snack in our quiet room in between performances
- Programmes will be on sale. Nativity photos will be able to be ordered.

Each performance is expected to last around 15 minutes.

If your child is an angel or a shepherd they are able to perform in just the performance you are watching – if you prefer. If this happens to be the second performance please bring your child in to get ready at 10.40am



Christmas Craft Activities

Ongoing

The children will be making Christmas pictures and other crafts from the end of November onwards, these will all be put into their special Christmas bag that they will bring home during their last week of term.



Christmas Party!

Friday 21st December

£3 charge for children who don't normally attend on a Friday towards entertainer costs

The children's Christmas party will be on Friday 21st December at 9am. We have pyjama drama joining us to do an interactive workshop on a pantomime theme and a small amount of party food will be provided.

We would like to invite you all back to see your child meet Father Christmas from 10.45am. Once you return to Little Gems we ask you to be responsible for your child and you are able to take them home once they have received their gift.

Please sign and return the attached order and consent form with money for orders ASAP and by 16th November so we can prepare for some festive fun!



Christmas 2018 consent and order form

Please include all money with this form

I give consent and would like to order the following for my child/children:

_____ (name/names)

Christmas Baubles

I would like my child to make _____ Christmas baubles. I enclose £_____ to cover this cost.

Turkey and Tinsel

My child will be having Christmas dinner on: Weds 5th / Thurs 6th December.

Please circle the days you would like. Please note: We would prefer not to have packed lunches on these days where possible. My child's specific dietary needs or allergies are

I enclose £_____ for the dinner/dinners

Nativity

I am happy for my child to be included in the nativity play.

I would like to order _____ tickets @ £2.50 each for the 9.30am performance

I would like to order _____ tickets @ £2.50 for the 11am performance

Dawson Lodge

Please sign if you agree for your child to be included in the nativity performance at Dawson Lodge on 12th or 19th December (to be decided) _____

Party

My child will be / will be unable to attend the Christmas party on 21st December. I enclose £3 each as this is not normally their session. I will be responsible for my child on my return to see them to meet Father Christmas.

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____