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**Now we are well into the season of Advent, we are encouraging the children to think about what it is we are really counting down to each time we open another calendar door! This has meant we used the word 'Incarnation' with them. Can they explain what it means to you?**

8th December 2023

## A Very Merry Christmas To All

As this is my last newsletter before we break up for Christmas, I'd just like to say thank you to all parents who have supported our festive events so far, and remind you of what is still to come next week.

The Nativity play by the Robins and Sparrows at Evington Hall today was really heart-warming and the Carols on the playground on Tuesday helped us all get in the festive spirit.

Next week, the celebrations continue. On **Tuesday** we have our famous PTA Christmas Cave where children can choose presents for their loved ones. On **Wednesday** it is Christmas Jumper day, to coincide with our traditional Christmas lunch in school (donations for wearing your Christmas jumper please!). On **Thursday** the children should come to school in their glad rags ready to enjoy their class parties in the afternoon – please make sure the party clothes are also suitable for outdoor playtimes! On **Friday**, all parents are invited to our Christmas service at Hastingleigh Church. Please collect the children from school at 2.15pm to arrive at church for a 2:30pm start to the service. The Gilson family have generously offered their yard for parking along with the church car park.

## Thank You Letters

We encourage our children to say thank you when they receive gifts, so it's only right that the school should say thank you too! We have received some really helpful donations from the Giving Tree organised by the PTA – all of which will be put to good use by the children. Thank you also to the Jones family who donated the tree itself. Thanks should also go to everyone who donated items to the hamper raffle this week – and of course to our excellent PTA who organised the whole thing. What a team!!

Another offer of thanks I would like to make is to the hard-working staff team at Bodsham. Our teachers go above and beyond to support the children, and we couldn't run our school without the dedicated support staff working tirelessly to keep our school running. Thank you all!

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

So as we make our way to the end of another hectic term, I hope you all have time to rest and refresh over the Christmas period. School reopens for the children on **Wednesday 3rd January**

Paul Newton
**Executive Head Teacher**

# Community News

# CHRISTMAS 2023 EVENTS

Crafts & Decorations
Green Gang
Beach Cleans

## Christmas Crafts on the Dour

Monday 18 December 11:00-12:00 & 13:00-14:00

Make mini Dour lanterns, natural decorations & mini wreaths in the River Dour Centre just in time for Christmas with Anna Outdoors!

## Clay Decorations on the Christmas Dour

Tuesday 19 December 10:30-12:30

Join Pottery throwdown star Rainna, to create clay Christmas decorations on the chalkstream, in the River Dour Centre.

## Green Gang: Whinless Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 20 December 12:00-14:00

Take a break from the TV and step into the Whinless Winter Wonderland! In a mini forest-school style afternoon, we'll explore the natural resources around us.

## Greatstone Beach Clean

Saturday 30 December 10:00-12:00

Join Ranger Owen this festive season and do your bit to keep our beaches clean!
No need to book, just turn up on the morning and get involved!

## Green Gang: New Years Day Family Walk at Samphire Hoe

Monday 1 January 14:00-15:30

Start the New Year with a family walk, bring your binoculars as we look for winter wildlife.

**For more information and to book visit whitecliffscountryside.org.uk**

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