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Dear Parent/Carer

23rd November 2023

Re: Christmas Performances

Further to my recent letter, I am writing to confirm that due to the ongoing heating works and flood repair works being carried out in school at the current time we are unable to offer our usual all singing all dancing Christmas performances. This is due to the hall being used as a classroom, lack of space for rehearsals and the additional workload on the team of moving classrooms numerous times over the last few weeks.

We are all devastated and upset that this is the case but it is due to circumstances beyond our control. However, as always, our amazing team have come up with a fantastic alternative.

On Monday 18th December 2023 we will hold two separate Christmas performances/carol services at St. Thomas' Church in Stanhope. Early Years and Key Stage One (Opal, Amethyst and Sapphire) will perform at 10.30am. The children will then return to school with the staff team for their Christmas lunch.

At 2.00pm, Key Stage Two (Ruby, Emerald and Diamond) will deliver their performance and can go home with parents at the end of the performance.

The children and the team are working really hard to make this a lovely and memorable event and are doing their absolute best during very difficult circumstances so I thank you for your understanding.

We would encourage all parents/carers/grandparents and other members of our school community to attend St. Thomas' Church to watch these performances.

We are increasingly aware of the financial pressure this time of year puts on many families. As such we have taken the decision to not charge for tickets this year and instead will have a collection box for donations at the entrance to the church. We also have our Christmas raffle

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running with some excellent prizes. Tickets will be available to purchase through the school office or on the main gate on a morning.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available to purchase from the kitchen area in the church with all proceeds going to the Friends of Stanhope Barrington PTA fund.

I would like to thank St. Thomas Church for coming to our rescue and allowing us to take over the church for the whole day.

So just to clarify, previous dates for Christmas performances are now cancelled and the new date is Monday 18th December 2023. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours sincerely

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