

## Carol Service this Friday

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We will be holding our annual carol service at St Margaret's Church next Friday morning. Children should arrive at school at the normal time and we will then all walk to the church. This is one of the highlights of the school year where we all come together. We hope that every child from Year 1 to Year 6 will come to the church on Friday. Although the service is Christian in character, if your child is not religious or of a different faith then there is no expectation that they join in but everybody is still very welcome to attend. If parents do not wish their children to attend, please put this in writing addressed to myself. Children who do not attend the church must still come to school.

We welcome any parents who want to come to the church – please walk with us if you can, leaving school just after 9.00am or meet us at the church from 9.45.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Best Wishes  
Richard Stone  
Headteacher

## Safeguarding Updates

If you have a change in the usual person/s collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office as soon as possible. If this is prior to the day of change, it would be helpful to introduce the person to the teacher or the office. You could also then add the person to your list of contacts for your child. If this is on the day of change, please telephone the school with the details of the person who will be collecting your child on the day; the person will then need to bring in photo identification to be verified and the office will then call the 'priority on contact' on the school's system to verify the instruction. Please remember to always keep your contact telephone numbers up to date.

**Challenging conversations** – as part of our safeguarding duty towards all our pupils, we sometimes have to have difficult conversations with parents to discuss their children's welfare. These are always held with the intention of understanding potential difficulties and seeing how we might be able to help. We regularly phone through concerns to social services to get advice and, again, the aim of this is to make sure that everything possible is being done to support children and families.

If you feel like you need any support with your child at home please contact the school and we will always do our best to help. Our family support worker, Edwina is in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Clubs and After School Care

**A reminder that there are no after school clubs this week but we will be running our after school care from Monday until Thursday.** There is no after school care on Friday as it is the last day of term.

After school care will continue next term – at present the school is having to subsidise the cost of the club as we do not have enough children to cover our costs. Please call into the office to complete a form if you need a place, whether as a one off or on a more regular basis. From our point of view, this is a valuable service that we really want to offer. We are hoping that our new budget (from April 2020) is a little more generous so we can continue to support our families.

**School breaks up at 3.15 this Friday 20th December; children return to school on Tuesday 7th January.**