



# Birches First School

*Believe, Grow, Succeed ...  
...to be the best 'me' I can be.*

18th November 2021

## **KS1 and KS2 Christmas Sing Song!**

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, as a school we have had measures imposed by the Local Authority and due to this we are unable to have our usual Christmas events in school. As the children (and you as parents) have missed out so much we have decided to perform some Christmas songs for you to enjoy on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Arrangements**

#### **KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 3pm -3.30pm**

We are inviting a maximum of two adults per child to watch the performance.

Children will be singing (weather permitting) on the playground. Please come to the main entrance and you will be directed to your spot! Please dress to stand outside for 30 minutes.

Once the children have finished they will be able to leave with you by exiting down the pedestrian walkway. There is insufficient lighting to walk around the Daily Mile so to eliminate risk parents will vacate down the path. Please exit as quickly as possible as Y3/4 parents will be waiting to enter the premises. If you have a sibling in Year 3 and Year 4 your child will go back into school (Birches Club-no charge) until the Key Stage 2 performance finishes.

#### **KS2 (Year 3 and 4) 3.40pm – 4.10pm**

We are inviting a maximum of two adults per child to watch the performance. Please do not come any earlier than the allocated time as you will not be permitted onto the school site until all of KS1 parents have exited.

Children will be singing (weather permitting) on the playground. Please wait by the pedestrian entrance and you will be directed to your spot! Please dress to stand outside for 30 minutes (an hour if you have children in both Key Stages!)

Once the children have finished, they will be able to leave with you by exiting down the pedestrian walkway. If you have a sibling in Year 1 and Year 2 and they have gone into school (Birches Club) please remain on the playground and we will ensure they are brought to you by a member of staff.

#### **Parents with Children in Reception and Nursery**

Pick up will be at 2.45pm this day. Any children in EYFS that have a sibling may be cared for by club staff until the performance is finished (free of charge) or alternatively

you may take them home to be cared for and return for the performance-if you need to come earlier than 2.45pm to allow for this please let us know. If you would like your child to attend club please could you let the office know [office@birches.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@birches.staffs.sch.uk) in order for us to ensure we have the adequate ratios in place, thank you.

Once the performance has finished and your Nursery/Reception child have gone into Birches Club please remain on the playground and we will ensure they are brought to you by a member of staff.

I am very much looking forward to this event, I know that it isn't how we would usually celebrate but I believe seeing the children in person perform is most magical and they are memories which you will hold forever.

Our termly Special Awards will be read out and awarded on the evening to four children from each class for Effort and Improvement, Following the Golden Expectations, Maths and English. Miss Varricchione's half term Super Stars will also be announced.

As always the awards are not necessarily the child who excels in the areas named, but children who show perseverance, resilience and have a positive attitude to learning following our Birches Values!

Without exception, the event will be fully risk assessed to ensure we are compliant with our school risk assessment and government guidance. If you have any questions regarding the event and COVID measures, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you so much for your continued support. I know we will all really enjoy this after school sing song...let's hope the weather is kind for us!

Best wishes

S Varricchione

Headteacher