



Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Families,

Having reflected ourselves and from some parental feedback we have looked at our Christmas end of term activities.

Whilst we love to celebrate Christmas at Puddletown we are mindful that; carols around the village, visiting pantomime, Christmas craft activities, visits from Santa, Christingle, church carol concert and service, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and party day and a whole school Christmas production spread over two evenings is a lot to ask of our very young children, families and staff at a busy time of year. We also want to increase opportunities for drama and theatre across the school.



So, after much thought we have decided to change our whole school Christmas production into one that has a key stage 1 focus. It will be a whole key stage production (R,1,2) which will give younger pupils a chance to shine. In line with many other schools, the KS1 nativity will be on **2 afternoons at 2pm on the 8th and 9th of December.**



Doing it in this way removes the need for late nights for the younger children and allows more space for parents to see their children in the production. This year the Nativity play will be 'Barmy Bethlehem' (from Out of the Ark Music). There will be another letter to follow for key stage 1 families with more details. We ask that only key stage 1 parents/carers attend this event.



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Key stage 2 will have their own extravagant production in the Summer term dedicated to them which again will allow for more participation and space for parents. Key stage 2 will also provide singing support for the key stage 1 production and some of the songs will also be part of our Carol concert at the church so everybody gets to hear them.



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We hope these changes will give more pupils a chance to participate in productions, reduce the late nights over the Christmas period, allow more space for parents to watch and create an opportunity for another production in the Summer term.

We look forward to seeing both productions over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Anna Seal and the Puddletown team.

