

# Newsletter 5



30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching the last 2 weeks of term and the Christmas spirit is beginning to take hold! Children are preparing to go into the hall for the Panto this morning and decorations are appearing around the classrooms. Tomorrow's Breakfast with Santa is next on the calendar and Christmas productions and rehearsals are in full flow. Please see the diary dates for the next two weeks.

Not feeling Christmassy yet??



Last year we had a very successful "Carols in the Carpark" event. Parents and children gathered round fire bowls, sang traditional carols and drunk mulled wine, mince pies and hotdogs were eaten in abundance.

All families welcome to join as for this event from 6.00pm to 6.45pm.

Wear something warm!!



## Poppy Appeal

We made £509.33 from the sales of our poppies and remembrance day gifts. Thanks so much for helping with their appeal.



We say a fond goodbye to Mrs Alex Gates, who has been working here as our amazing Children and Family Support Worker and Designated Safeguarding Lead for the last three years. We thank her for all that she has done for children and families at St Margaret's and we wish her all the best for the future.



## Building Works – The Tomlin Centre

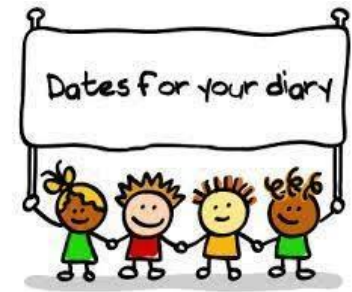
The building works are nearing completion with the playground due to be tarmacked shortly. This will be a challenging week for drop off and pick up so please read this section carefully.

The pavement by the Arundel Road gate is to be reinstated from the last week of term - Monday 11th December. There will be traffic lights installed and the crossing patrol area will be further up Arundel Road as on previous occasions. This gate will not be available for the final week of term.

Children in Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 should come into school via the main entrance and then come into the school building via the school office (sliding doors). Bikes can be left in a designated area for them to collect at the end of the day.

During the last week of term, drop off and collection for children in Years R, Year 1 and Year 3 will be the same. Year 2 can also be collected from the Year 1 classrooms a little after Year 1 have been released. Years 4, 5 and 6 will leave school via the main office sliding doors. Teachers will release children to parents in the usual way

**Items highlighted in red are new or amended dates**

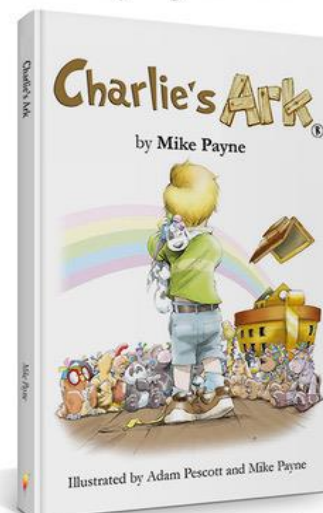


## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		PTA Christmas Event – Breakfast with Santa
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Wear a santa hat or Christmas hair accessory to school if you wish to</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Visit from a local author, Mike Payne, reading from his latest book “Charlie’s Ark”</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
	<b>4pm – 6pm</b>	<b>PTA Film Night – Tickets available from the school office from tomorrow (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November)</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>12.30pm – 1.00pm</b>	<b>“Charity Fundraising” by some groups of children in Year 5 – in a year 5 classroom</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Years 4, 5 and 6 Church Service at St Margaret’s Church (Parents invited to attend)
	10.00am	Years 1, 2 and 3 Church Service at St Margaret’s Church (Parents invited to attend)
	1.30pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play dress rehearsal to ½ school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play dress rehearsal to ½ school
	1.30pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play to parents and carers
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play to parents and carers
	<b>12.00 – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Chartwells Christmas Lunch (pre-ordered on ParentPay by 30<sup>th</sup> November)</b>
	2.30pm	EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents
	6.00pm	Carol Service outside weather permitting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pm	Christmas parties in classes
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Last Day of School
First day back after Christmas is Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024		

We have Mike Payne, a local author, joining us to read from his new book, “Charlie’s Ark” on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Books can be ordered on Amazon

The book young children have been waiting for is now here!



**Order on Amazon NOW!**

“Charlie’s Ark” is a collection of stories about a five year old boy and his toy box ark which contain many animals which magically come to life when he whispers a “Word-spell”. Engaging, charming and a moral within every story together with beautiful illustrations, this book is a delight.

Created and written by award winning artist **Mike Payne** who is also the creator and original artist of the grey, blue-nosed bear “Tatty Teddy”

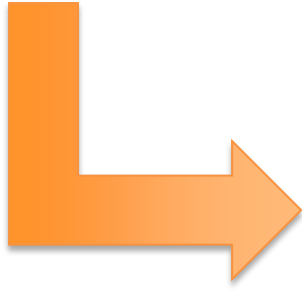


“Classics, children’s classics in particular, endure because a child’s soul inherently recognizes a connection an adult only faintly remembers. Story telling is an art. Story writing is a craft. What has been collectively accomplished here is the gem at the pinnacle of the creative crown - inspiration. May “Charlie’s Ark” join the classics of yore to be loved by legions of children as yet unborn and generations beyond that. Magic has been created here.”  
*Mary Jane, New Orleans USA*

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St Margaret's Church



Dates  
for your



**REMAINING INSET Days**

May I remind you that the school is closed for staff training on

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

# Celebrating The Birth of Jesus

Join us for one or more of  
our celebrations this festive season



**Panto: A Lad In A Manger**  
(book your tickets via our website)  
Saturday 9th Dec, 2:00pm & 7:00pm

**Family Carol Service**  
Sunday 17th Dec, 10.00am

**Traditional Carol Service**  
Sunday 17th Dec 3.30pm & 6.00pm

**Christingle**  
Sunday 24th Dec,  
2.30pm & 4.30pm

**Midnight Communion**  
Sunday 24th Dec, 11.15pm

**Christmas Day**  
Monday 25th Dec, 10am

**THANK YOU!**

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE



**Thank you**

A big thank you to everybody who has helped out at school in so many ways whether it be with Forest School or hearing readers or helping in a host of ways – we really do appreciate your support in helping the children.

Yours sincerely

**Mike Jee**  
Headteacher

*And the angel said unto them,*

FEAR  
NOT: FOR  
BEHOLD,  
I BRING YOU  
GOOD TIDINGS  
OF GREAT JOY,  
WHICH SHALL BE  
TO ALL  
PEOPLE

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