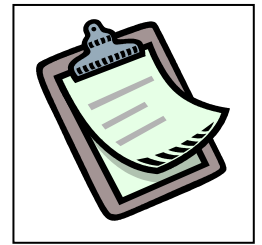




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Internet Safety



Are you aware what your child is up to on the internet?

We recently spoke to a couple of parents whose children use social media to stay in touch with each other outside school hours who were not aware.

Whereas I would not wish to be alarmist and fully recognise that this is something which occurs outside school hours, it came to our attention that some of this communication was inappropriate.

I would ask all parents to be vigilant of what their children are up to on the internet. Miss Kent will be running an 'e-safety' information session for parents on **Tuesday 31st January** to support the extensive work we do with children in school on this theme. I would advise parents to attend if they can. Further details to follow.

Can I request that **no ball games** are played on the playground before the start of school.
Thank you.



Tea Towels

Massive Discount!!!

Get your *limited edition*
2016 Sutton CE Tea Towel with all our children's lovely portraits on **£2.50 each**
Limited to 2 per household
Whilst stocks last!
On sale on the playground every day next week

Important:
Next week in school

- **Sat. 10th Dec. Carols in the Park, 6.00pm**
- **Tues. 13th Dec. Nativity, St Thomas' 6.00pm**
(Children will need to be back in school for 5.45pm unless they wearing a costume in which, case they will need to be back by 5.30pm) Children in Bobbins will receive something to eat during their stay.
- **Weds. 14th Dec. Nativity, St Thomas' 4.00pm**
(Children remaining in school with a snack provided by us)
- **Thurs. Dec. 15th Christmas dinner and parties**
(Children to bring party clothes in a bag to get changed into after dinnertime)
- **Fri. 16th Dec. Whole School Panto Trip**



St Thomas's Church
Main Street
Sutton in Craven
BD20 7JS

Worship at St Thomas's
Christmas 2016

Sunday 18th December, 4.00pm

Christingle & Carols

Suitable for all the family

Saturday 24th December, 6.00pm

Carol Service

A traditional service of lessons and carols

Saturday 24th December, 11.30pm

Christmas Holy Communion

A traditional service by candlelight

Sunday 25th December, 10.45am

Christmas Day Communion

Suitable for all the family



Christmas Fair
You helped raise
£1087

Thank you especially to our Pupil-Parent Council members for all their hard work in making this happen. Our cake stall, coffee morning and shopping evening mean you have helped us raise around £2000 already this year – not bad at all!

Thank You!

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January



As I am sure you are aware the long wait was over for us on Wednesday when the school was inspected by Ofsted. This happens every 5 years and as you can imagine, it means an awful lot to me, staff and Governors.

It is frustrating that the result of the inspection needs to remain confidential until the full and final report is published (which now won't be until early January!)

I will of course provide you with more detailed information when we are allowed to – and you will receive a full copy the report.

What I will share with you is the Inspectors' comment that he had rarely seen such positive comments and feedback from parents as were provided by you.

Thank you so much for all your support.

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

The United Benefice of Sutton with
Cowling & Lothersdale:
St Thomas' Sutton in Craven


SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 9.00AM

ADVENT
RISE
AND
SHINE

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP FOR ALL THE FAMILY
AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH, MAIN STREET

Vicar: The Revd Helen Collings

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Nativity - Tickets and Seating

As you are aware, this year we changed how we organise our nativity performances. This year we have used tickets. There are a number of reasons we have done this.

We have grown as a school. Whereas last year we had 87 children, this year we have 107. St Thomas' Church has capacity for 165 people. We have 70 families with children in school – if both parents came this would be 140 adults (even without Grandmas, aunties, uncles etc.). So as you can see, the only safe and fair way to ensure all get to see a performance at a time they can make, it has been necessary this year to allocate places by ticket. We really wanted to avoid people being turned away at the door. If parents turn up without a ticket, you may not literally, be able to fit through the door and would also be embarrassing for all. We are also duty bound to bear health and safety in mind – and simply squeezing extra adults in is not an option. In addition, the children who have speaking parts are located at the back of the church and then walk down the aisles of the church, so again, parents crowding at the back of the church is not possible.

We have put on *two* later performances this year, rather than the afternoon performance we used to. This is to ensure working parents all get a chance to see the performance.

Two tickets per family is how most schools allocate places for their nativity performances. However, from next year we would like to provide the opportunity for parents to bring additional family members. For this reason, staff have agreed that from next year, the nativity will be put on solely by children in Blossom and Willow classes with only parents of children in these classes attending. This will provide parents with the opportunity for 3 years to see their children perform in the Christmas nativity. We are also aware that asking parents of older children to bring their children back to school for an evening performance each year, when they do not have acting parts is a commitment some find hard. Our older children will of course be singing in our annual Carol Concert, which all parents are invited to. Whereas it is nice that all children take part each year, we want to balance this with the 'practicalities' of how this works both for families and school.

All additional tickets have now been allocated will be sent home with your child. We had *just* enough to ensure all requests for additional tickets were met. As stated in previous correspondence, the deadline for getting tickets was today. For this reason, there are now no tickets left for either performance.