



Let's come together to celebrate Christingle

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories and have fun!

Come and join us Online In-person Both

Location: **St MARK'S CHURCH**

Date: **24th December** Time: **4.00pm**

To find out more contact: Janet Hinton
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christingle.org

The Children's Society



NHS Healthy Start Scheme has undergone a transformation. Vouchers have been replaced with a Healthy Start Mastercard being issued to those eligible. Due to the change, those previously in receipt of vouchers need to re-apply online to continue to receive their weekly allowance

To do this or check if you are eligible visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk



Cute!!

And studios!!



Curriculum News

A big thank you to Miss Whiteside for organising staff training on our new phonics scheme:



OFSTED already recognised we prioritise reading at Pinfold:

Leaders, including governors, have made the teaching of reading a priority. Staff have been trained to deliver the phonics programme well. They ensure that all pupils, including those with SEND, begin to build up their phonics knowledge from the early years. Teachers and staff ensure that these children are well prepared to learn to read as soon as they are ready.

Pupils read books that match the sounds that they are learning. This helps them to develop their accuracy and confidence. Teachers carefully select the books that they read to pupils. They inspire pupils to read books about a wide range of topics. These books broaden pupils' understanding of how people might be different to themselves.



The scheme has updated and improved the old Letters and Sounds document. We have decided to buy some new books to help children learn to blend and segment words. We have also purchased the letter formation cards to help our children with writing. We will send copies home for your children to practice in the new year (or earlier if they arrive!)



Pinfold News

December 2022



Dear All,

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!!!! We will be putting our tree up this week for school and also a little potted tree to display in St Mark's Church! St Mark's are having a Christingle service for everyone on Christmas Eve at 4pm. I know Christmas Eve is sometimes for family or watching Christmas movies, but I took my son to a Christingle service and it was very magical, when all the children lit up their candles in the dark church— a very special memory. St Mark's have given us some Christingle boxes to send home for your children to collect pennies in to take to the service. Please see the leaflet for more information. There is absolutely no pressure to return these to church, if you do want your children to collect you can bring them in to school and Janet, from the church, will pick them up.

We are going to decorate the tree with the children and put on little angels with the children's and staff faces! I will take our new Pupil Councilor's (when they are voted in!) to the church to deliver our tree this week.

I look forward to seeing you all at our community Christmas dinner, our Christmas performance and if you can come and support us outside Tesco Southport, where we will be joined by Sandy Taylor and her fantastic ukulele band!!!



Christmas events kick off on :

- ♥ 07/12/22: 12noon-1pm, Community Christmas dinner
PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR DINNER TOMORROW— December 1st 2022- IT IS DELICIOUS AND FUN!!!
 - ♥ 07/12/22: 2pm (for the children) Brian Berry our super magician will delight us with a **Christmas Magic Show!!!**
 - ♥ 09/12/22: **Mufty Day** (wear your own clothes) and donate chocolate
 - ♥ 13/12/22: **Dress rehearsal**
 - ♥ 14/12/22: 10 am, **Christmas performance for parents**
 - ♥ 15/12/22: **Christmas music outside big Tesco Southport, this years supported by the ukulele band**
 - ♥ 24/12/22: 4pm, **Christingle Service at St Mark's Church**
 - ♥ **Children are back in school in the new year on the 4th January 2023**
- ♥ **Merry Christmas!!!!**



PTA Needs you!

We are hoping to begin to host a selection of events for our families but we really need help and support. Please if you can offer any time (it doesn't need to be a regular commitment) then please contact Mrs. Zaim via the school office or on the playground before or after school. We would love to establish a PTA and work together to create some wonderful events and raise additional funds for the school.

Some parents have had great ideas of how to fund raise. On **Friday 9th December** children will be able to come in **Mufty** but they have to donate some **chocolate to go in our Christmas raffle!** Mrs. Zaim already has a few other items up her sleeve. Raffle tickets will be available to buy at the Christmas dinner and then afterwards until they will be drawn after the Christmas performance on the 14th December.