

Learning for Life!



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16th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you today to let you know that we are very fortunate to be given funding by 'Happy Days', a local charity in Hitchin, who would like all our pupils to be able to enjoy a visit to the 'Magic of Christmas' to meet Santa, enjoy a visit to the café and have the opportunity to look at all of the winter and Christmas decorations.

We are planning this whole-school event to take place on 5th and 6th December to enable all classes to visit. Pupils will have the choice to visit Santa in his Grotto, but all pupils will receive a gift.

Lonsdale is a multi-cultural and multi-faith community and we are aware that not everybody celebrates Christmas. Everybody is invited to come along, look at the winter theme and learn about Christmas.

If you would rather your child did not attend this event, please let us know, and we will ensure that they are engaging with an exciting learning opportunity at school during that time.

Whilst all costs (£17 per person) will be covered by 'Happy Days' for the Grotto visit, the gift, a special café visit with a homemade biscuit to eat or take away and a drink, we would like to ask your contribution of £3 to help us cover some of our transport and petrol costs. All four school vehicles will be going back and forth for two days to enable everyone to visit the 'Magic of Christmas' with their class group.

The consent for your child to attend this school visit will be available on School Gateway, along with the option for you to contribute if you wish to do so, and will be live until **Thursday 1st December 2022**.

Form tutors will plan their class group's trip individually to ensure all needs are met and that everyone can have an enjoyable time. We will let you know closer to the time on which day (5th or 6th December) your child will visit. All pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy the displayed decorations and browse the Christmas store at the end of their visit. If your child would like to bring some pocket money on the day, this is optional.

We hope that you agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for Lonsdale School to do something together and celebrate the 'Magic of Christmas'.

If you would like more general information about the event, please contact Mrs Thiele at cthiele@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk

With kind regards,

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