



4th December 2019

Newton Abbot's Christmas Lantern Parade – Wednesday 11th December

Dear Parent/carer,

As you know, your child has visited Seale Hayne to create a spectacular lantern in preparation for this year's parade taking place in Newton Abbot. We were really pleased with how much the children enjoyed creating their lanterns and the outcomes were fantastic! In addition to this, we are excited to be joined by Musician Elfyn Jones on Friday 6th December to support us in transforming into a Samba Band to lead the procession.

This year, we will be seeking more support than ever to help us to lead the procession and carry our lanterns (parents/siblings will likely be called upon to carry lanterns while we play our Samba instruments)! Please can you bring your child to Bearnas school playground at 6:00pm, we will be there to meet your child and will take them inside to retrieve their lantern and instrument.

It has been requested that once your child is dropped off to a Haytor View adult, you wait outside of the school playground. This is to avoid overcrowding within Bearnas playground and to support the organisation of the procession. At 6:30pm, we will exit the school playground onto Queen Street and invite parents and families to join us in walking together as part of a procession across Newton Abbot, to arrive at the clocktower around 7:00pm. This is when we enjoy the story and the music before finishing at around 7:20pm. From there, you can stay squeeze in some late-night shopping or make your way home with your lantern. A real Christmas treat!

The procession itself is not led by members of school staff, but children and families from school will be accompanied in the procession by myself, Mr Hampton and Mrs Hodgson. You may wish to accompany your child yourself or make arrangements with friends or family members to attend with them – it's up to you, but the safety of your child during the procession is the responsibility of those that they are attending with. We are really keen that as many children as possible are able to attend what should be a really memorable evening in the build up to Christmas. In an effort to know who to expect, we'd be really grateful if you could complete the attached reply slip – we'll try our best to make sure that the lanterns of those attending are ready for action.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 5 Learning Leader