

In support of



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** our school will be hosting a Christingle celebration in support of The Children's Society.

Since the first Christingle service was held in 1968, Christingle has brought together thousands of schools and churches across the country to celebrate light and hope during the Advent and Christmas season. We're really excited to be taking part in this joyous occasion this year, raising money to support The Children's Society's work with vulnerable children and young people across the country.

The Children's Society is a national charity that runs local projects working with and for young people and their families. They work with children who are Already victims of, or in danger of being, exploited; leaving the care system; struggling with mental health issues; running away from home or care; affected by drug and alcohol misuse; young carers; refugees and migrants. You can find out more about The Children's Society's work by visiting [childrenssociety.org.uk](http://childrenssociety.org.uk).

By holding a Christingle celebration, our school can give hope to thousands of children by collecting money for The Children's Society. At our Christingle we will be raising much-needed funds for the charity and using the opportunity to remember the children and young people they support in our prayers.

Christingle celebrations are well enjoyed by children and adults alike, and we would be delighted if you and your family could join us at ours. Please find details of our Christingle celebration below:

**Date & time: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.**

**Venue: Rivington Parish Church**

**How we will be fundraising:**

**School will be purchasing Glow Candles for use in the children's Christingles – NO CANDLES THIS YEAR. After Christingle, we will be serving afternoon tea in the school hall.**

**Health and safety**

**This year due to increased numbers in an already small church the children will be given a glow candle to use in their Christingle. These have been purchased through the Children's Society with a percentage of the total sales going to the charity. School will place them into the children's Christingles on the day so there will be no need for candles from home.**

## Making a Christingle

- Fasten a piece of red sticky tape or ribbon around the middle of the orange.
- Cut a small cross in the top of each orange (place it on a tray to catch the juice) and lay a square of silver foil (75mm/3in square) over the cross.
- Load four cocktail sticks with raisins, sultanas, cherries or soft sweets and insert them into the orange around the base of the candle.
- **PLEASE DO NOT INSERT A CANDLE THE CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN A CHILDREN'S SOCIETY GLOWCANDLE TO USE AND KEEP – SEE BELOW!**



In addition to our Christingle celebration, the children will be learning about Christingle during their RE lessons, thinking about ways that they can help to support other children and young people in our school and wider local community. It's a real opportunity for them to develop their understanding outside of the classroom.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll enjoy celebrating the start of the Christmas season in our school and help us fundraise for The Children's Society

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Annette