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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church, Southwell

As Part of our Academy Christmas celebrations we will be attending Christingle Services at St Andrew's Church, Southwell, on the following dates

Wednesday 4th December 2019 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Years 1 and 3
Thursday 5th December 2019 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Years 2 and 4

On each day we will leave Maritime House at 1.10pm to walk to the church and will leave at approximately 2.40pm to return to the Academy after the service for normal end of day arrangements. Students will be accompanied and supervised throughout the visit. This year the service is for children only.

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange and are decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. The meaning of each element of the Christingle are detailed below.

Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel in Christianity, and its relevance at Christmas time.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness

All students will need to bring an orange to school on Monday 2nd December; they will prepare the orange in school to take to the service.

Please complete the consent form [Christingle Services Consent Form](#) via the following link, no later than 12pm Monday 2nd December 2019. If you have not completed the form then unfortunately your child will not be able to attend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hill
Deputy Head of Primary



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