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Dear Parent /Carer

Year 4 - Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church, Southwell Thursday 9th December 2021

As part of our Academy Christmas celebrations Year 4 have been invited to attend the Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 9th December 2021.

We will walk to the church for 9.30am and return to school after the service at approximately 10.30am. Students will be accompanied and supervised throughout the visit. Please ensure your child has a warm coat on the day.

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 to 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 into school by Tuesday 7th December; they will prepare the orange in school to take to the service.

Please ensure that the parental consent for school visits is ticked on the SIMS Parent App, if this is not completed then unfortunately your child will not be able to attend.

Yours faithfully

J Cornell & J Jackson

Miss Cornell & Miss Jackson
Year 4 Teachers

