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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share details about this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Vernham Dean Gillum's Primary School.

As in previous years, we will be holding our Christmas Tree Festival and would love the children to create or decorate their own Christmas tree to bring into school. They are welcome to design their tree in any way they choose - using fabric, paint, wood, natural materials, food items, or anything else that inspires them. The only requirements are that the tree is 3D and no taller than 50cm. Please ensure trees are brought into school by Wednesday 17th December.

The trees will be displayed in Kestrels, and you are warmly invited to visit the Festival after the Carol Service on Thursday 18th December. To attend, we kindly ask for a donation of at least one item for the foodbank. Useful contributions include: sweet or savoury biscuits, marshmallows, multipacks (6) of crisps, and bread sauce mix.

Last year's trees were amazing - not only did they look beautiful, but the event also supported charity and reflected our Christian values of courage (having a go), creativity, and compassion (thinking of others). If younger siblings would also like to take part by making a tree, we would be delighted to display theirs as well.

I have included some photos of some designs, just for ideas. Good luck with your designs!



Christmas card orders have now been sent to the printers, and we will get them to you as soon as possible.

Any questions – please ask.

Small school  Big heart

Yours sincerely

H. Bulpitt

Mrs Holly Bulpitt
Head of School

