

October 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

CAROL SERVICE

As we are moving ever closer to Christmas celebrations at Vinehall, I would like to remind you of a few details concerning the school Carol Service. This takes place on Sunday 13 December at 5.00 p.m. at Salehurst Church.

All are welcome at the Service. Boarders attend, as will all those performing in the senior choir, a small orchestra group and the Junior Choir. Please check with Mrs. Harmer and Mrs Glossop if you are uncertain about whether your child will be involved as it is very disappointing if children who are an integral part of a choir fail to turn up for the service.

All Vinehall children coming to the service must be dressed in school uniform and wear a white shirt and tie if they are members of the Prep School with blazers for Years 7 and 8, and normal uniform if in the Pre Prep. The service lasts about an hour and is always a delightful occasion. If you bring younger children and they become irritable, I would be very grateful if you could take them out as this can detract from the special atmosphere for the rest of the congregation.

Extensive preparations will be taking place in the church before the service, so there is no entry to the church before 4.15 p.m.

We do not impose a limit on numbers attending but to avoid some parents having to stand at the back, it is helpful if you can restrict your numbers to close family only and then we should be able to accommodate all those who wish to attend.

Boarders' parents should collect their children from school and take them to the church. They will be available from 4.00 p.m. Please sign them out as usual. Boarders whose parents cannot attend will be taken to the church by the houseparents.

All boarders' parents/guardians are invited back to school after the service for mulled wine, mince pies and an opportunity to look at the dormitory decorations, to which the children devote great attention during the preceding week.

The police will be on hand to assist with traffic control. Cars should be parked facing towards the church (if on the approach road) and at the end a one-way system operates which takes traffic back on to the A21 north of Robertsbridge. (see map overleaf).

I am delighted to report that the Salehurst Halt is open and that their lavatories will be available for our use before and during the service. We are most grateful to the owners for allowing us to do this. Please may I remind you that if you take your children into the pub after the service that The Halt is open to all their customers and not just for Vinehall, and children should behave appropriately and be closely monitored by their parents.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Whitehead
Deputy Head