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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Mrs V. Kerr

I am writing about an exciting opportunity for the Carr community. This year York Minster are holding a new Christmas tree festival.

Experience our first Christmas Tree Festival set in the cathedral's grounds with the medieval Minster as its backdrop.

The new festival will take place in a festive marquee by the South Piazza and feature trees decorated by local businesses, schools and charities.

See around 40 trees decorated to individual themes, vote for your favourite tree in our 'best dressed tree' competition and visit our activity marquee to write your own Christmas message on a tag to add to a tree there or inside the cathedral's East End.

The festival will run daily from 18 November to 6 January (except Christmas Day) and admission is free although donations are encouraged. No pre-booking required.

We have been given an opportunity to decorate one of the forty 6ft Nordman trees. We would like to decorate the tree with decorations made by the Carr Community. This could be parents, carers, pupils, grandparents..... The theme for the Christmas tree is going to match our Big Idea for next half term - The Natural World. Feel free to interpret this as you wish. Here are some ideas to get you started.

1. Make A Popcorn Garland.
2. Use Christmas Tree Sprigs.
3. Make Some Natural Christmas Garlands from natural materials and dried fruits.
4. Painted Pine Cones.
5. Salt Dough Ornaments.
6. Bird Seed Christmas Ornaments.

Please could all decorations be handed into the office by Monday 15th November so that we can dress the tree on Tuesday 16th November. I will write again with more information about how you can go to the festival and see our creation closer to the time.

There is an opportunity for a child and their grown up to attend the opening ceremony on Wednesday 17th November at 6.45pm. If you would like to be in with an opportunity to attend, when you drop your decorations off you will be given a raffle ticket. We will draw the raffle on Tuesday 16th and inform the winner that they have won this opportunity.

We think this is a unique opportunity and would like to make the tree as special as possible and something which the whole community can get involved in.

Yours Sincerely
Laura Winston



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