**CHESTER LANTERN PARADE**

**Thursday 28th November 2024**

**Start 7.00pm**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been invited to take part in this year’s Chester Lantern Parade on 28th November with the lantern they made at school. Details of the event are below: I hope you can join us on this festive occasion.

# Event Timetable 28th Nov.

**6.15pm** – Meet in **Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 2BH**. This is the road at the back of the old B&M store and Forum Studio Theatre (formally The Gateway Theatre).

**Directions:**

From Town Hall Square, head towards the Dublin Packet on the far left and walk through the small arch alongside the pub to the right. This will bring you on to Hamilton Place. Parking is available in Trinity Street (one minute walk) the new multi-story off St Martin’s Way (2mins walk via Trinity Street) or at the Little Roodee car park by Grosvenor Bridge (5mins walk via Watergate and Crook St.).

Hamilton Place will be closed to traffic from 4.30pm, there is no parking available here.

NB The Forum shopping centre is now permanently closed, there is no access to Hamilton Place this way.

**6.30pm Parade forms up and walks along Trinity Street and up alongside the new market to Town Hall square.**

**7.00pm Parade starts -** The route is Town Hall Sq., St Werburgh st., Eastgate St., Watergate turn at bottom, Upper Bridge st., turn at mini roundabout, and return to Town Hall sq via Northgate Street. We will then proceed back to Hamilton Place where we can safely collect sticks.

**7.45pm** approx. **Parade ends**

Torches and carrying sticks will be available for you to borrow on the night. Please return these at the end of the parade, these are needed for other events.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT AT ALL TIMES. Parents/carers should walk with their children in the parade. Wearing Xmas accessories is encouraged so, tinsel, Santa hats etc would add to the occasion. After the parade children can take lanterns home with them, but please remember that the lanterns should be used outdoors and only with a battery powered torch. DO NOT USE A CANDLE TO LIGHT YOUR LANTERN