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10 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that Owl class, and their parents, have been invited to take part in the Gravesham Festival of Lights 2021.

This is a community event to launch the Christmas Celebrations in the borough and will take place on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 13 local schools have been chosen to take part in the lantern parade, which will start and finish in Community Square Gravesend (in front of Woodville Halls). Further information about the event is included with this letter and the schedule is outlined below:

3.10pm	Parents to collect children from school as usual & make their way into Gravesend Town Centre
4.00pm	Parents, children & teachers to gather in Community Square
4.30pm	Lantern Parade to leave Community Square & make it's way through town
5.15pm	Parade to arrive back at Community Square, where the Christmas tree lights will be switched on

The children will take part in a workshop in school on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November to make the lanterns to hold during the parade. All materials will be provided.

Please complete the consent form below and return by **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Palmer  
Assistant Head

**Gravesham Festival of Lights 2021**

- I give consent for my son/daughter to take part in the Festival of Lights & I will accompany them
- I give consent for my son/daughter to take part in the Festival of Lights & another family member/friend will accompany them
- My child is unable to take part in the Festival of Lights this year

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) of \_\_\_\_\_





# Gravesham Festival of Christmas Lights

**Friday 19 November 2.45pm to 5.30pm**

Welcome to Gravesham's Greatest Christmas! Entertainment will begin at 2.45 pm with musical performances in the town including brass music with a pop twist and vibrant Samba sounds. Then a lantern parade featuring 13 local schools led by a life size Snow Globe and the Drumming Santas' will start on the Community Square and make its way through town as the Christmas lights are switched on as the parade passes by.

The lantern parade will climax back on Community Square where the Christmas tree lights will be switched on.

## Programme

- 2.45pm** Music and street entertainment in the town centre including Brass, Samba, Stilt Walkers and Street Entertainers
- 4.00pm** Schools and parade participants gather in Community Square where they will be entertained by this year's Woodville Panto cast from Robin Hood
- 4.35pm** The Christmas parade will begin led by the life size Snow Globe and the Drumming Santa's
- 5.25pm** Parade arrives back on Community Square where the Christmas tree lights will be switched on by the Mayor of Gravesham Cllr Lyn Milner



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