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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have begun to celebrate the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. This is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth. It is a busy but wonderful time of year in school.

This term is going quickly and there is still so much to fit in. The School Christmas fair is on Friday starting at 3.45pm. Please collect your children first and then wait until the doors re-open at 3.45pm. This is to give the staff time to get back in and on to their stalls. All children must be accompanied for the duration. Please support this event as the money raised goes directly back to school to help pay for trips for the school. Thank you for all the donations you have sent in. Next week we have the Santa Dash for Year 3, Junior Carol Concert, KS1 Nativity, and the Pantomime. Please ensure that all consents have been sent back in to school as children will be unable to leave school for any activities without these.



Advent

For Advent this year we are following an idea from the Diocese of promoting a Reverse Advent Calendar. The idea is that instead of taking something out i.e. chocolate we are putting something in. We would like any donations over the final two weeks of this term brought in to school which we will deliver to the Food Bank in Clitheroe, Similar things to previous collections; Dried Food (pasta, rice), in date tins, chocolate, tooth paste, soap, bubble bath, etc.



Advent Mass

On Tuesday the whole school celebrated Advent Mass. The children were very well behaved and once again the children showed reverence and gave wonderful readings and singing. A special mention to our Reception children for whom this was their first full class Mass. Thank you to Father John for such a beautiful Mass.

Oliver Twist

Thank you for all the contributions for the performance of Oliver Twist. We still are a way off the amount needed, so if you have not contributed £3.50 and are able to, please can you send this in as soon as possible.



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19th is our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. If your child **DOES NOT** normally have a school dinner on this day and you would like them to have one, please can you contact the office and send £2.20 in before Friday 14th or pay on parentpay. Please don't worry if your child doesn't want one as they will still be included in all the festivities.

You must still inform Mrs Wilkinson if they want a dinner as it will not be picked up via parentpay.

- PTA AGM Minutes
- The 2018 AGM was held in School at 2.15 on Friday 30th November;
- There were 6 people present in addition to the Committee, so 9 in total – thank you very much to those who attended to support the meeting;
- Caroline Carr was re-elected as Chair and Kay Curphey was re-elected as treasurer;
- Tess Walker formally resigned as Secretary – thanks very much to Tess for all of her hard work over the past 2 years;
- We heard reports from the Chair and Treasurer, both of which can be found on the PFTA page of the School Website and include details of how much money we raised last year and what this was spent on;
- Mrs Mabbott attended for part of the meeting and confirmed the items which need financial support this year. They were confirmed as refurbishment of the Y1 outdoor area, Recorders for Y3 and Window Blinds for the upstairs classrooms facing towards the Playground;
- We discussed the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th. Details will be communicated separately to those we know are involved but if there is anyone else would like to get involved either in setting/clearing up or helping on a stall (that we don't already know about) please let Caroline or Kay know. We will be setting up in the hall from 1.30 and you are fine to just turn up on the day.
- Future events will include film nights, Bags2School and something chocolatey (!)...



Christmas Fair Raffle

Please check that your child has brought their tickets home! The ticket stubs and money are to be returned no later than Wednesday 12th December. The draw will take place before the infant nativity on Thursday 13th December. We are still in need of food donations for the hamper, please see the list in reception.



Sports Clubs

Dodge ball on Monday afterschool has now been added to the clubs at no cost. This is available for all years but there is a limit on the numbers. Please let Mrs Wilkinson know if you wish your child to be added on. Unless you are informed all places have been accepted.

Cross Country is now full.

Please do not try to pay for any of the clubs highlighted in green to school. They are direct to the coach only. School can take money on your behalf.

Please let Mrs Wilkinson know which clubs you would like your child to attend. This includes the breakfast clubs so that flyers can be sent to you regarding the club.

Junior Nativity Play

Please can children who have a speaking part/costume to wear, arrive in school at 6.00pm. All children to arrive through the main entrance and go up to class. Parents are to go in to Church. This is due to finish at 7.30pm and children will be taken back to school by their teachers to get changed and will be dismissed from the dining room doors.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th December - School Christmas Fair 3.45pm NO afterschool football-This will be Friday 14th instead

BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FINISH(EXCEPT TENNIS/ ART CLUB/CROSS COUNTRY & FOOTBALL)

Tuesday 11th December- Junior Nativity in Church -Time 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th - EYFS Bikes and Scooters

Wednesday 12th - KS1 nativity 2.15pm in school

Wednesday 12th - year 3 Santa dash-

Wednesday 12th - LAST CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 13th - KS1 nativity - 9.15am in school

Thursday 13th - LAST TENNIS

Friday 14th - LAST FOOTBALL & ART CLUB

Friday 14th - NO ASSEMBLY

Monday 17th - KS1 Christmas Party

Monday 17th - Netball Oakhill 4.00pm

Tuesday 18th - Artyfacts production of Oliver Twist in school

Tuesday 18th - KS2 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 19th - Music concert 9.05am

Wednesday 19th - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Thursday - SCHOOL CLOSES 2.15PM

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher