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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 4, Junior Carol Concert, KS1 Nativity, choir singing at Tesco 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.



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th 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 15th. Please don't worry if your child doesn't want one as they will still be included in all the festivities.



Holiday pattern 2018-19

This is attached this newsletter. If you require a hard copy, these are available from the office. Please remember, where possible, to book holidays out of term time to ensure your child receives a full education.



Choir

Well done to the choir who sang on Saturday at The United Reform Church. They raised £77 for our charity Ribble Valley Crossroad Care. Thankyou to Mrs Lambert for accompanying the children and for all her hard work with the choir. They are singing at the Rotary Carol service in Church on Wednesday 13th at 7.00pm. Please come along and support them.



Christmas Cards

Children can bring in to class, Christmas cards to send to their friends. Please remind your children to put the name clearly on the front of the envelope and the class.



Sporting Success

Well done to Lucas in year 6. He attended trials for the Lancashire interleague under 12 squad in Cricket and was successful. He has also received awards for his success at club level winning players player and bowler of the year. At District level he won Bowler of the Year & a Special Achievement award. At County level he took 3 wickets against Yorkshire!! No rivalry there but well done! We are very proud of Lucas and his achievements and look forward to him playing I the future for England I'm sure!

Advent Mass

On Tuesday the whole school celebrated Advent Class 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, during which they all received a blessing from Father. Thank you to our year 4 children who supported them so well.



Odd Socks

The winners of the odd sock day competition have been announced and unfortunately we didn't win. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day. Next time, we will have to go crazier!!

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 13th December. The draw will take place before the Infant nativity on Thursday morning. We are still in need of food donations for the hamper, please see the list in reception. However I can reveal the following...

- 1st prize: Christmas Food Hamper
- 2nd prize: Dinner at Well Springs
- 3rd prize: Cute log reindeer
- 4th prize: Picnic Hamper
- 5th prize: Digital photo frame



Thank you

Well done to Amelia, Isla, Colleen and Lucy G from Year 3 class who have raised £24.35 for BK Heroes which raises awareness for brain and kidney disease. A very worthy cause so Thank you girls.

Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

The clubs that have been put on offer for next term are undersubscribed; If they do not get enough participants we will be unable run these and may have to cancel the clubs.

If you are struggling to get access to parent pay to join up and pay please let Mrs Wilkinson know and she will be able to help or make the booking for you.

There are still places on Tennis Tuesday mornings, Judo Wednesday Mornings and Drama Thursday afternoons. You will receive the flyers for Zumba today.

Bookings will need to be made by the last week in school so we can let the coaches know if they are required.



Music lessons

Piano lessons are available in school with Mr Lee. Please contact him on 07859906720 for further details.

Junior Nativity Play

Please can children who have a speaking part/costume to wear, arrive in school at 5.45pm. All other children in full uniform at 6.15pm. 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 handed over from the main door.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th December- Year 1 Celebration Assembly

PTA Christmas Fair 3.45pm

Monday 11th December - LAST WEEK of SPORTS CLUBS (NO JUDO)

Tuesday 12th - Year 4 Santa Dash- Christmas outfits or accessories by choice & trainers.

Junior Carol Concert in Church 6.30pm (please see above for details)

Wednesday 13th - EYFS- Bikes & Scooters

KS1 Nativity - 2.15pm- please use dining room doors for entry

Choir to sing in church for Rotary carol service at 7.00pm

Thursday 14th - KS 1 nativity 9.30am. - Please use dining room doors for entry

Choir to sing at Tesco - 3.00-5.00pm

Friday 15th - EYFS Coffee morning

School visit to The Grand for Pantomime

Monday 18th - KS1 Christmas Party

Choir to sing at Booths

Tuesday 19th - KS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Jumper and dinner day. Full uniform to be worn but Christmas jumper/cardigan instead of school jumper/cardigan.

Choir to sing at Sainsburys

Music Concert in school 9.30am - Parents invited

Thursday 21st - **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2.15PM.** Please pass this early time on to carers/Grandparents & relatives who may collect.

Many thanks for your continued support

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Headteacher

