



December Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Mon 4 th - Thur 7 th Dec	Open Week for new families
Mon 11 th Dec	Choir Singing in Greenhaw Nursing Home and Quayside shopping centre 2:00pm
Tue/Wed 12/13 th Dec	School Performance
Thur 14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18 th Dec	Visit to Millennium Forum NO DINNER TODAY
Tue 19 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Service/Last day of term; half day
Thur 4 th Jan	New Term begins
Fri 9 th Feb	Half Term begins
Mon 19 th Feb	Back to school

WE HAVE A REALLY BUSY MONTH AHEAD; I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SHOE BOX APPEAL AND SPOTACULAR

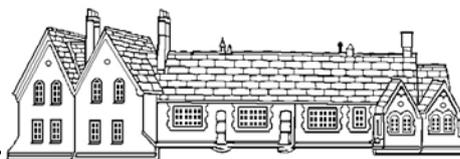
Thank you for your support with the Shoebox appeal. 55 shoeboxes were collected from school, during a special assembly last, month. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a great number for our small school.

Friday 17th November was 'BBC Children in Need' Fundraising day. We raised £120 for this charity; once again, thank you.

LATE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded that the school day starts at 9:00 am. All children must be in class by this time. Unfortunately, teachers do not have time to meet with parents during drop off in the morning, this is a very important part of the day, getting





children settled and ready to learn. We are always happy to meet with parents when it is mutually convenient.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner is on Thursday 14th December; all children are welcome to have dinner on this day even if they usually take a packed lunch. Dinner costs £2.60 and should be placed in a named envelope on the Monday of that week. As part of our Christmas festivities the children should wear their Christmas jumper that day!

OPEN WEEK

We are holding an open week on Monday 4th December to Thursday 7th December for parents of children due to start school in September 2018. If you have friends, neighbours or family members with young children, please pass on your positive opinions of the school and encourage them to come and have a look around. Application forms are now available, from the school office.

SANTA LETTERS

As children are preparing their lists for Santa, some items they might want to include are pencils/rubbers/sharpeners/nice writing pens (Year 7 only)/colouring pencils/pencil case. These items seem to be very short amongst the children currently, and it is causing some disruption in class.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE/BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This year we are organising a breakfast with Santa, on Tuesday 19th December. Parents are welcome to come along, with their children, for breakfast and some 'Christmas cheer'. During the morning children will have the opportunity to meet with Santa and receive a gift.

We will draw the Christmas raffle during the course of the morning. There are lots of brilliant prizes, details of which will follow with the tickets. **Donations for the hampers must be sent to school before Friday 8th December.** Raffle sheets and monies should be returned to school by Monday 11 December. Additional raffle sheets are available from the school office.





MORE DETAILS ABOUT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WILL FOLLOW

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE/TICKETS

- 1 Tuesday 12 December 1:30 pm
- 2 Wednesday 13 December at 10.00 am
- 3 Wednesday 13 December at 6.30 pm

Please note the following:

<p><u>Tuesday 12 December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School starts at 9:00 am• Early dinner• Performance starts at 1:30 pm• School finishes at 3:00 pm for everyone	<p><u>Wednesday 13 December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School starts: 9.00 am• Performance 10.00 am• Home time (Y1-7) 2.00 pm• Return to school 6.00 pm• Performance 6.30 pm
<p><u>Thursday 14 December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School starts: 9.00 am• Christmas dinner• Normal home times apply	

If you are free to attend the morning or afternoon performance we would urge you to come then, as others will be unable to do so.

Each family will be allowed a maximum of three tickets (2 of which may be for the evening performance). The hall will only hold 70 people so it will be "first come, first served" for evening tickets. This year we are asking for a donation at the door rather than asking parents to purchase tickets. Tickets are required as we have limited space.

Please do not bring additional people as they will not be admitted and this may cause offence.

Pre-school children may attend morning/afternoon shows providing they sit quietly on their parent's knee. In fairness to the children performing on stage, we would ask you



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not to bring any babies. If your child becomes upset/noisy during the performance, we would greatly appreciate you taking them out of the hall to avoid distraction to our actors/actresses.

Tickets will be available in the Assembly Hall on **Friday 8th December** from **8.30 am till 9.15 am**. If you are unable to come on **Friday 8th December**, send a note with your child on the morning of **Friday 8th December**.

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 11.15am. All children will go home after the service at 12:00 noon. No dinner is available on this day. This year we would like to invite the Year 3 and 4 parents to celebrate with the staff, children and clergy.

PANTOMIME VISIT

Our annual Pantomime visit to the Millennium Forum is on Monday 18th December, to see the performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Pupils should wear their school uniform. All children must bring a non-messy, and substantial, snack to eat at the Forum. Please note there are no school dinners on this day and **all children will go home at 1.30pm.**

