



Dear Parents,

As Christmas is fast approaching, please find below some details of the Christmas activities we have planned.

Christmas Fayre

On Friday 2nd December we will host our Christmas Fayre. All children can come to school in non-uniform (Christmas themed if your child would like). Please can we ask for any donations of cakes or pies that we can sell during the fayre. These must not contain nuts, however, if the packaging states 'may contain traces of nuts', this is fine.

Please can all parents arrive at the main entrance where the doors will be opened at 1:15pm. In the main entrance you will be greeted by myself and the Pupil Leadership Team where you will be asked to sign in. Once you arrive at your child's class, you will then be asked to sign to verify that you have taken your child and that you will take full responsibility for them during the Fayre. Once you have visited all of the stalls you are free to take your child home and you can sign out as you leave the main entrance.

Christmas Parties

Below is a reminder of the dates for your child's Christmas party. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. Please can we ask that children (Reception – Year 6) bring a donation of £2 per child for party food by Monday 5th December.

Butterflies / Bluebells	12 th December
Reception classes	14 th December
Year 1	15 th December
Year 2	13 th December
Year 3	16 th December
Year 4	13 th December
Year 5	12 th December
Year 6	19 th December

Festive Run

On Friday 9th December, all children will take part in a festive run, organised by the Sports Partnership. This will take part on the school field where each class will be given a timetabled slot to take part. Please can children come to school in old bottoms and wellies/old trainers on this day as well as a Christmas jumper or coloured top. Please can children bring a spare pair of trousers in case they get muddy.

Nursery Grinchmas Day

On Wednesday 7th December, children in Butterflies and Bluebells will take part in their Grinchmas Day. Please can all children come to school wearing anything green. This could just be an accessory. During the day the children will take part in a range of activities based on sustainability.

Virtual Author Visit – ‘An Odd Dog’ by Rob Biddulph

On Wednesday 7th December all children in KS1 will take part in a virtual author visit. Those children who pre-ordered a book will receive it on this day.

Carol Service

On Tuesday 13th December, children from year 1-6 will deliver a carol service at St Andrew's Church (9:30am). It would be lovely to see as many parents, grandparents and other family members in church to watch the children perform. It is lovely to hear the children's voices as they practise in school.

Pantomime

On Wednesday 14th December, children from year 1-6 will attend Darlington theatre to watch the pantomime. I know the children are very excited about this! Children can bring a small packet of sweets and their water bottles (no fizzy drinks allowed and where possible can children bring sweets that are not individually wrapped).

Children will leave school at approximately 12:45pm and will return at approximately 5:30pm. Parents will receive a ParentMail message if there is any change to the expected return time.

Reception and Year 3 Nativity Performances

Year 3 – 15th December 2pm

Reception – 16th December 2pm

Unfortunately, due to space we need to limit tickets to 2 adults per child.

Polar Express Day

On Monday 19th December, children in Butterflies, Bluebells and Reception will take part in a Polar Express Day. Children can come to school in their pyjamas where they will do activities before watching the film.

Reception to Year 6 Grinchmas Morning

On Tuesday 20th December, children from Reception class to Year 6 will take part in their Grinchmas Day. Please can all children come to school wearing anything green. This could just be an accessory. During the morning the children will take part in a range of activities based on sustainability.

I am sure you will agree we have a fun-packed build up to Christmas that I am sure the children will enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at our many events.

*Yours faithfully,
Mrs R Leonard
Head Teacher*