



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Christmas preparations are definitely beginning now and I'm sure that you will see from the website diary dates that it's a hectic run up over the next few weeks. Please keep a close eye on our app to make sure you are fully up to date with events. Our Rights Respecting reference this week is Article 14 of the UNCRC which reminds us that '*Children have the right to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping others from enjoying their rights too.*' I know that with all that we have planned ahead, our children will definitely enjoy themselves doing so.

Christmas Performance (Year 1- Year 6) – 'How Christmas Came to Be' – *tickets on sale*

Tuesday 4th December (Reception children please see separate information on EYFS newsletter next week)

We hope to see you all at one of the four Christmas performances. Dates and times are – Monday 10th Dec – 2 pm and 6pm and Wednesday 12th – 9.30am and 6pm. Please remember that to try to give everyone an opportunity to get tickets for one of the evening performances, on the first day of sale, evening performance tickets will be limited to 2 per family. Tickets are £1.00 each and will be available in the main hall from 8.45am Tuesday 4th December. You can also send in your ticket request with your child, in a named envelope, and tickets will be supplied. For those parents who are new to school please note, evening tickets sell quickly, so please ensure you get them on the first day if you are restricted to evening performances. Remaining tickets are on sale without restriction from Wednesday morning. We are strictly limited to numbers in the hall for safety reasons, which I am sure you will fully understand.

It is also a good time to remind everyone that in order to be able to present the evening performances at their best, it is important that all children return to school to take their part in the show with their classmates – both nights please! We do realise that this may mean some children miss their regular out of school clubs, but it is only twice a year that we do these performances to give all parents the chance to enjoy the production, so your support is important. Please speak to your child's teacher or myself if this causes you any difficulties. Thank you.



Christmas Procession – Friday 30th November

Thank you if you have already responded on the app to let us know that your child will be joining us for the procession on 30th November. There is still room for more to join if you would like them to. We leave St Luke's church at 4pm and children are asked to arrive at the church no later than 3.45pm. This year there is a nativity theme to the procession and children are encouraged to come along in nativity costumes, if they can. Staff from school will be there but it is important that the children are also accompanied by an adult. The children will be able to join other school children and teachers in the Town Hall Garden for carol singing and the big light switch-on

And then – don't forget to pop in to the Methodist Church to see the displays at the Festival of Trees – bigger and better than ever this year!



Carols in the Market Place Friday 14th December

This year we will be in Ferryhill Market place singing our Carols on Friday 14th December. Please join us to give the children your support. The infants will aim to sing at 9.45am and then the juniors will aim to arrive at the market place to sing at 10.00am. Y6 will go on to sing for the residents of Tenlands when they have finished in the market place and Y5 will go to Denehurst.



Carols on the School Field and Fairtrade refreshments 2.45pm

We will also all sing the carols together on our school field on the Friday afternoon. The singing will begin at 2.45pm and you are invited to join us for our Fairtrade tea, coffee and hot chocolate to keep you warm while being entertained!



Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs Panto – 6th December

Less than 2 weeks to go to our panto visit – please ensure you have sent the £10 contribution into school – or paid online - to ensure the cost of the visit is covered. Thank you for your support.

Friends of School – 2018 School Tea Towels

Great pressies for grandparents, aunts and friends at Christmas. Every child has drawn themselves and we have put them together on our 2018 Tea Towel. Available now and throughout the Upcoming Christmas events and Activities at school between now And Christmas. Cost £3.50



Year 4 Class Assembly – 28th November 2018

Year 4 are looking forward to sharing their work with you at their assembly on Wednesday at 9.30am. Please come along and join us if you can.

S.N.A.G – School Nutrition Action Group

Our SNAG group are meeting here at school on 28th November at 2.00pm. Myself and some children meet with our lunch providers, Taylor Shaw, our cook, Mrs Malkin and Jane Denning from the local authority, lunchtime supervisors and parents, to discuss our school food. Could you join us? We would love to have more parents (or grandparents) to join the group. Please contact us here at school if you would like to volunteer.



Year 2 Multi – skills event at FBEC

Year 2 have enjoyed a busy morning this morning at the annual multi-skills event at FBEC. Well done to them all – brilliant attitudes and behaviour!



Christmas Crafts sessions starting Monday 3rd December

Parents are invited to come along to our Christmas Crafts afternoons. Enjoy Christmas music, Fairtrade tea/coffee/hot chocolate and sample Christmas delights whilst spending time with your child making a range of Christmas crafts including paper-ball reindeers, snowflake stars, painting baubles and much more.....

Reception + Nursery	Friday 6 th December
Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 5 th December
Years 3 and 4	Monday 3 rd December
Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 4 th December

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need day. There were some very messy hair do's and cute pj's in school last Friday and, we managed to raise £279.79 for this fantastic cause!



Christmas Fair



Thursday 6th December 3.30pm – 5.00pm



Tombola – the best way to collect for our Christmas tombola is to let the children come in non-unif. – and bring in a tombola gift. So next Friday – 30th November is non-uniform again! Please 'pay' by sending in a Christmas tombola gift.

Toy Stall – Any age group and all kinds of good quality toys, jigsaws and books etc are always popular at a Christmas Fair. Anything your child has finished with or outgrown will be loved by another child – so please help us recycle and raise school funds at the same time. Have a good sort out this weekend and send 'stuff' into school next week please!

Cakes and biscuits – We know from our Macmillan coffee morning that we have some amazing cake creators out there. Get creative thinking now for our Christmas Cake Bake-Off competition! Prizes on offer for the most creative Christmas design cake – and then we can sell them off to raise money too!

Tables for hire – only £10 Per table. Do you know someone who would like a stall at our fair? Let them know they can hire a table for only £10. Contact Mrs. Hardy in the office to reserve now.