



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Well, Christmas preparations are definitely starting 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) – 'It's Chr-i-i-stmas' – tickets on sale**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** (Reception children please see separate information on EYFS newsletter)

We hope to see you all at one of the four Christmas performances. Dates and times are – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2 pm and 6pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – 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 £2.00 each and will be available in the main hall from 8.45am Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 of sale 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November. We leave St Luke's church at 4pm and children are asked to arrive at the church no later than 3.45pm. 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. It's our school's turn this year and we are delighted to share the news that Kian Hale, Year 6 will do the honours on behalf of our school. We know he'll get all of the technical challenges sorted out and do a great job!

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, celebrating the 60's, 70s and 80s....some of us remember them well!



## **Carols in the Market Place Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

This year we will be in Ferryhill Market place singing our Carols on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Aladdin – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Only 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.

**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!



**Friends of School – 2019 Christmas fundraisers**

If you have ordered mugs/cards etc. then please expect deliveries next week – some are here already. We are also expecting delivery of our School Calendars by the first week in December – so if you’re stuck for a pressie, here’s one you can tick off the list.

**Christmas Crafts sessions starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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      Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Years 1, 2, 3 and 4      Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Years 5 and 6              Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December



**Dogs at school**

It’s lovely to see many children and parents walking to school and a lovely opportunity for a dog walk too but can I ask that if you do need to tie your dog to the fence to bring children into school, please leave plenty of space around each gate area. Quite a number of our younger pupils are a little wary of dogs they don’t know and it can cause a few issues getting them into school if dogs are right beside the gate for them to have to walk past. Thank you.

**Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Thank you for supporting our Children in Need day last Friday. There were some fantastic spotty costumes and faces in school last Friday – we especially loved the home-made ones! Thank you mams. Dads and grandparents for joining-in We managed to raise £237.20 for this fantastic cause!



**Maths Challenge afternoon**

A group of children will represent us at a challenge afternoon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November over at Rosa Street Primary School. They will complete investigations and reasoning tasks as a team and aim to be the champions!



**Road Safety**

Traffic outside of school is a nightmare at the best of times but with the current roadworks, it’s even more of a challenge! Please remember the rules of the clearway – no stopping at all, for even a quick drop-off/pick-up.

And can I ask all parents to set a good example please to the children and keep to the footpaths in school – avoiding walking across the car park? You just never know when someone may need to move their car.

