



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

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.

Well, Christmas preparations are definitely starting and I'm sure that you will see from the website diary dates and the Christmas Information leaflet that it's a hectic run up over the next few weeks. Please keep a close eye on our app and website and newsletters to make sure you are fully up to date with events.

Ferryhill Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on - Friday 29th November

Ferryhill Town Council are once again holding their Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on in a fortnight's time. This year, we will be meeting outside the Town Hall gardens no later than 4.10pm. We will then sing some carols with the other Ferryhill schools before the lights are switched on at 4.30pm. It is our school's turn to switch on the lights and we have chosen Brax in Y6 to have the honour of switching the lights on with the mayor. Brax has been and is a brilliant role model in school and in the wider community and we feel that it is only right that he gets this exciting job. Only school staff members will be able to go into the gardens to accompany the children. After the lights have been switched on, the children will be handed back to grown-ups and they can then enjoy the rest of the festivities with their families.

Christmas Performance (Year 1- Year 6) - 'How Christmas came to be' - tickets on sale

Monday 2nd December (Reception/Nursery children please see separate information below)

We hope to see you all at one of the four Christmas performances. Dates and times are - Tuesday 10th Dec - 2 pm and 5.30pm and Wednesday 11th- 9.15am and 5.30pm. 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 Monday 2nd 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 Tuesday 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.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity - 'Wriggly Nativity' - Tickets on sale Monday 2nd November.

Our very youngest children are looking forward to performing their retelling of the first Christmas. Tickets will be on sale from 8:30am from the school hall for £2.00 each. Tickets are limited to 2 per child in the first instance. Performances will be 9:15am and 2:15pm on Thursday 12th December. To enable children to be prepared for their role, we ask that Nursery children arrive promptly at their usual start time and that all Reception children are in school at 8:45am. Thank you.

Christmas Crafts sessions starting Monday 2nd December

It is lovely to be able to invite parents to come along to our Christmas Crafts afternoons. Enjoy Christmas music, Fairtrade tea and coffee and mince pies whilst spending time with your child making a range of Christmas crafts. Nursery Stay and Play will take place in Nursery.

School trips - annual Panto visit. Cinderella at Bishop Auckland

KS1 - Thursday 5th December

KS2 - Friday 6th December

Just a reminder that you can pay for the pantomime on SchoolComms. The cost is £10 and I'm sure you all agree we'll have a wonderful time!



Carols in the Market Place Friday 13th December

This year we will be in Ferryhill Market place singing our Carols on Friday 13th December. Please join us to give the children your support. The infants will aim to sing at 10am and then the juniors will aim to arrive at the market place to sing at 10.15/10.20am.

Carols on the School Field

We will also all sing the carols together on our school field/yard on the Friday afternoon. The singing will begin at 2.45pm and you are invited to join us to be entertained!

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day - Friday 13th December



We will all enjoy Christmas lunch together on Friday 13th with crackers, paper hats and of course, turkey and all the trimmings. Even children who normally bring a packed lunch are encouraged to join us for the special day - and almost everyone does. The cost is the normal lunch price of just £2.80. We will have drinks provided too. Please pay dinner money as normal, or if your child usually has a packed lunch, please just send in the £2.80 on Monday 9th December - in an envelope please!

Any morning or afternoon nursery children who would like to stay are welcome - the cost of a nursery lunch is £3.00.

Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on this day too.....and it's definitely a requirement for staff if they want their lunch!

Dates to remember:



Thursday 28th November - Y2 Christmas Journey
Monday 2nd December - Rec, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Crafts
Tuesday 3rd December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas Crafts
Thursday 5th December - Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 4th December - SEND Parent Coffee Morning
Wednesday 4th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas Crafts
Thursday 5th December - Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Panto - Bishop Auckland
Friday 6th December - KS2 Panto at Bishop Auckland
Tuesday 10th December - Nursery Theatre Trip - Hullabaloo, Darlington
Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Performances Y1-Y6 (2pm and 5.30pm)
Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Performances Y1-Y6 (9.15am and 5.30pm)
Thursday 12th December - EYFS Nativity
Friday 13th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th December - KS1 and KS2 singing at Town Hall Gardens
Monday 16th December - EYFS Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party
Friday 20th December - Celebration Assembly and Toy Day.
Friday 20th December - Last day of term

I know that lots of you like to know well in advance about our Christmas events - this has been sent out separately. For ease, the events are in class order.

