



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

We are all definitely in the spirit of the season here at school. Children are getting their fair share of Article 31 - 'Children have the right to join in a wide range of activities.'

Please keep a close eye on our app and website and newsletters to make sure you are fully up to date with events.

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

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

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.

Once we have finished our dress rehearsal on Monday, accurate timings for your child's class will be sent out on the app.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity - 'Wriggly Nativity'

Our very youngest children are looking forward to performing their retelling of the first Christmas. 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.

Parking and Speeding Concerns

Unfortunately, I have once again had a number of concerns raised by residents, parents and grandparents about the parking in front of school and in the residential areas surrounding the school. Recently, there have been incidents of cars having to mount pavements as cars are too tightly parked. This is happening when families are walking to school. I have huge concerns about the safety of our children and families and unfortunately, it will only be a matter of time before there is an accident and I know you would not want this to happen. Equally, we cannot park or drop off outside of the school. It is a clearway, with signs at either end indicating this. This is again a safety concern as cars are now speeding through the chicanes to get passed the parked cars. This includes the grassed area opposite the school car park. Please be respectful and considerate when parking. We do encourage walking to school and this is a good way to get some extra steps in, if we parked a little further away. I have contacted the police for their support with this matter but please ask that you support us as well.

A reminder about applying for a school place

If your child is due to start school in **September 2025**, please make sure you have applied for their school place before **midnight on the 15th January 2025**. Please note that if your child attends our nursery, they do not automatically get a place in our Reception class.



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 Yard

We will also all sing the carols together on our school 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!

Christmas Parties



Children can come in their party clothes on the day of the party or bring them in to change into after lunch. We will have party style food at lunchtime and then enjoy a drink and ice cream later in the afternoon. We will be having a special visitor at each of our parties and parents are invited to join us at 2.50pm.

Monday 16th December - EYFS Party (Nursery and Reception)

Tuesday 17th December - Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 18th December - Y3 and Y4

Thursday 19th December - Y5 and Y6

Safeguarding Advice for Parents

Lots of advice and guidance on this week's newsletter as we go into the Christmas break. Really important at this time of year as I'm sure many children will be getting devices as a present.

Laptops - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/laptops>

Tik Tok - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist-2021.pdf>

Twitter - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/twitter-checklist-2020.pdf>

Online Sexual Harassment - <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

[StopItNow](#) - Preventing harmful sexual behaviour in children - Stop It Now provides a guide for **parents, carers** and professionals to help everyone do their part in keeping children safe, they also run a free confidential helpline.

[Action against abduction](#) - Building children's confidence and abilities rather than simply warning them about all strangers and [Clever never goes](#) - the new campaign that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction whether they are outside or online.

Game Consoles - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>

Snapchat - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/snapchat-checklist.pdf>

Apple Screen Time - <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT208982>

Dates to remember:

Monday 9th December - Ferryhill School Christmas Choir performance

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 (9.15am and 2.15pm)

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.



****We return to school on Monday 6th January****