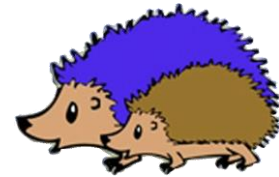


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16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just a reminder that the children finish school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We have parties each day this week and we finish on Friday with a pantomime from Chaplin's Pantomimes: Beauty and the Beast. The pantomime is just for the children. We have had a number of phone calls from parents/carers asking if they have to attend too.



## Thank you

Once again we would like to thank you for your support in all our events this term.

After expenses, our Lumiere event raised £685.38, the Christmas Fair raised £1017.21 and we sent Children in Need a donation of £180.12.

The money raised for school will be spent solely on resources for the children. Replenishing reading books and books for the library are high on our list of priorities. Thank you once again!



## Data Sheets

We are still missing some Data Collection Sheets (details of emergency contacts etc). We would be grateful if these could be returned before the end of term. Thank you.

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### Staff Carpark

Can I please remind parents and carers not to use the staff car park unless they have the permission of the Head Teacher and Governing Body. This also includes walking through the area when bringing children to and from school and/or Pitlington Out of Hours Club (P.O.S.H.). We appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you.



### Attendance

Despite a number of children coming down with a sickness bug, our school attendance for the autumn term is 95.80%. We are almost at the national target set for schools.

It must also be recognised that 59 children across the school have achieved 100% attendance this term. That equates to 29.6% of the school population. Well done to those 59 children.

Year Group	Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Attendance	Number of Late Marks
Reception	95.62%	3.57%	0.81%	29
Year 1	95.28%	4.08%	0.64%	47
Year 2	95.93%	3.46%	0.61%	21
Year 3	96.37%	2.41%	1.22%	35
Year 4	97.07%	2.68%	0.25%	9
Year 5	97.35%	2.56%	0.08%	7
Year 6	95.79%	4.94%	0.27%	3
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.80%	3.29%	0.74%	149

### Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs McMahon who is leaving us on Friday. She is taking up a new position working with the Baltic in Gateshead.

We would like to thank her for her hard work during her time at Pitlington Primary School and wish her the very best of luck in the future.



To get you in the mood for the festive season, here are a collection of our favourite Christmas jokes....

Nursery: Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose.

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Reception: What do elves learn at school? The elf-abet

Year 1: What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker.

Year 2: What do angry mice send at Christmas time? Cross mouse cards.

Year 3: What happens if you eat Christmas tinsel? You get tinselitus

Year 4: Why is Father Christmas so good at karate? He wears a black belt.

Year 5: What do you call a reindeer with no nose, no antlers, no legs and no tail? A log.

Year 6: Why aren't Christmas trees very good at sewing? Because they keep dropping their needles

Mrs Lee's favourite joke: What did Mrs Claus say to Santa Claus when he flew up into the sky? It looks like rain dear!

Mr Shackler's favourite joke: Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley

Mrs Garcia and Mrs Dick's favourite joke: What does Santa do with out of shape elves? He sends them to an elf farm.

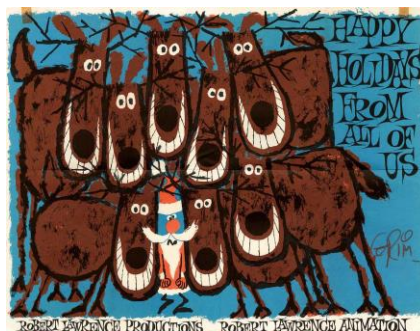
Lunchtime Supervisors favourite joke: *What's the best key to get at Christmas? A tur-key.*

The Kitchen Staff's favourite joke: Why does Santa come down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it soots him.

POSH Club: What is read, white and blue at Christmas time? A sad candy cane.

Mr Atkinson, Chair of Governors favourite joke: Why did no one bid for Donner or Blitzen on E bay? Because they were two deer

***And finally....on behalf of the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2020.***



**Cathy Lee**  
**Head Teacher**

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