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Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas Performances

The festive season is almost upon us and rehearsals are about to begin for our Christmas Performances. The dates and times are as follows:

Nursery

Wednesday 4th December 9.30am - 11.00am & 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Key Stage 1

Tuesday 10th December 9.30am & 6.00pm

Wednesday 11th December 2.00pm

Key Stage 2

Wednesday 11th December 6.00pm

Thursday 12th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm



We will be sending out more information and ticket details shortly.

Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

We have booked tickets for children from **Reception class to Year 6** to see the pantomime Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood at the Gala Theatre in Durham on Tuesday 3rd December at 1.30pm. The Friends of the School are paying for the children's tickets and the transport to and from the theatre. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm and returning at approximately 4.00pm. I am sure everyone will have a wonderful time and will thoroughly enjoy the show. We are extremely grateful to the 'Friends' for paying for this fantastic experience for the children.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 20th December. All children are welcome to have a school dinner. The cost will be £1.80. Menus will be sent out shortly.





Friends of the School

Can I thank the Friends of the School and everyone who attended the Halloween disco before the holidays. It was a great night and everyone seemed to have a ghoulishly fun time!

Attendance

Our attendance for the first half of the autumn term is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance Since September	89.5%	96.3%	96.6%	96%	97%%	97.4%	97.1%

Our overall attendance since September is 95.4% and is currently above our target of 95%. This has been a great start to the year (despite chicken pox, hand, foot and mouth and impetigo in reception class!). Thank you for your support with improving our attendance.

Evening Chronicle Wish Campaign

Can I remind parents that we are collecting Wish tokens from the Evening Chronicle's Wish Campaign again this year. Four Wish tokens will be printed in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle every day and bonus tokens will also be printed on various days. All you have to do is cut them out and send them to school. We would be extremely grateful for your support with this collection.



School Security

As I am sure you are aware, the infant and junior doorways are very busy on an evening when the children are being handed over to their parents at home time. To ensure the safety of the children, **all parents must wait on the yard to collect their children and the exit doors and ramp must be kept clear at all times.** Parents should make themselves visible when they have seen their child at the door. If your child has left something in school, parents must call in at the main office and sign in before returning to the classroom. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 3 rd December	School Pantomime trip to the Gala Theatre
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Craft Fair
Monday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 & 2 Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas party
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 12 th May 2014	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 23 rd June 2014	Year 5 Visit to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have any questions, please feel free to pop into school or give me a ring.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew Knighton
(Headteacher)