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Dear Parents / Carers,

The festive season is almost upon us. The children and staff are working extremely hard to put together the Christmas performances. There is so much going on and you may find the following information useful.

### Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need fundraising efforts and for sending in cakes for our cake sale. Once again we were overwhelmed by the number of cakes that were sent in! The children had an enjoyable onesie and pyjama day on Friday. I would also like to thank the School Council for organising this years' event in school. To date we have raised £617.00 - an absolutely amazing tatal. Thank you for your generosity.



# Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evening this week. If you were unable to attend and would like an update on your child's progress, please pop in or give us a ring to make an appointment with the class teacher.

# National Anti-Bullying Week

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. We launched the week with an assembly on Monday morning. We have planned a range of activities to ensure our children are aware that any form of bullying is unacceptable at Shield Row Primary School. This years' anti-bullying week is focused on cyber bullying and how to use new technologies to promote positive communication. We will be providing the parents with the 'Say No To Bullying' Parent Pack which gives useful information to support your children at home.











### Christmas Craft Sale

We would like to invite friends and family to join us for refreshments, gateaux, mulled wine and mince pies at our Christmas craft sale afternoon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. A wonderful selection of gifts made by the children will be on sale. All proceeds from the sale will go towards school fund.

### Attendance

Our attendance since half term and from the beginning of September is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance from 4 <sup>th</sup> November	96.8%	96%	97.3%	97.1%	98.1%	99.7%	97.6%
% Attendance Since September	90.7%	96.2%	96.8%	96.2%	97.2%	98%	97.2%

Our attendance for the first two weeks after half term has been fantastic and currently stands at 97.4% Our overall attendance since September is 95.8% and is currently above our target of 95%. Thank you for your support.

# Dates for your diaries

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 6.00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Friday 20th December Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 School Photographer

School Pantomime trip to the Gala Theatre

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Beamish

9.30am - 11.00am Nursery Christmas Fun Day 1.30pm - 3.00pm Nursery Christmas Fun Day

Reception and Infant Performance Reception and Infant Performance Junior Christmas Performance Junior Christmas Performance

Christmas Craft Fair

Foundation Stage Christmas Party

Year 1 & 2 Party

Year 3 & 4 Christmas party Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

School closes for the Christmas Holidays

Year 6 SATs week

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)