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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who attended a parents' meeting last week. It is not too late; if you would like to make an appointment, please contact Mrs. Preston in the Office. I was delighted to hear good reports from the Golden Time activities on Friday. I certainly enjoyed the return visit to Gibside because the attitude of the children was exceptional. The Christmas shows are now fast-approaching. We appreciate any support you can give in helping your child to learn their words and songs. Details of the festive calendar can be found below.

Mr. Jackson (Head Teacher)

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our termly parent questionnaire. We will pick the winner of the £10 worth of books once all parent meetings have been completed this week. Details of the questionnaire findings will be in next week's newsletter. However, in the meantime, we wanted to share some good news with you:

We compare highly against other primary schools **nationally!**

- + Top 4% for progress in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
- + Top 5% for progress in Maths.
- + Top 20% for progress in Reading.
- + Top 21% for progress in Writing.



Golden Time Afternoon

In a change for 2018/19, the School Council voted to overhaul our Golden Time. Instead of short bursts each week, children will be given new, bigger experiences for a whole Friday afternoon 4-5 times over the year. On Friday, some children visited Gibside to take part in orienteering and a Low Ropes Challenge. A bus-load also paid a visit to the Durham Climbing Centre. We also welcomed a coach from Simon Carson Sports School for the afternoon along with some craft activities. Plans are already being made for the next afternoon in January. Thank you to everyone who contributed £2 towards the costs. While we try to keep costs down, off-site activities tend to be expensive.

Christmas dates

- Friday 30th November – 3:45pm Ferryhill Candlelit Procession
 - Friday 7th December – 11:00am Carol singing at Ferryhill Town Hall
 - Thursday 13th December – 10:00am Christingle & Carol Service
 - Friday 14th December – 1:00pm PTFA Film afternoon
 - Tuesday 18th December – KS2 Performances (1:30pm/5:30pm)
 - Thursday 20th December – KS1 Performances (10:00am/1:15pm)
- N.B. There is no Toy Day this term as school is closed on Friday 21st.



Events this half-term

Mondays – KS1 Games

Wednesdays – KS2 Singing

Thursdays – Y5/6 Robotics Club

Wednesday 28th November

We're going to the pantomime courtesy of a donation from the PTFA.

Term Dates

Last Day

Thursday 20th December

Staff Training Day

Friday 21st December

Spring Term begins

Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Half-Term

Saturday 16th February

School re-opens

Monday 25th February

HOUSE CHALLENGE

correct to 19th November

FORBES – 12

JAGO – 19

WARD – 11