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Headteacher Newsletter – December 2018

It was lovely to hear our choir and handbell group sing/play their Christmas songs last Saturday evening at the community event held at Cave Castle – once the event PA system was able to play our music it all went very well. Thank you to families for ensuring your children were available, I am sure the children enjoyed the experience. Thanks also must go to Mrs Smalley and Mrs Sykes-Cook for giving their time at lunchtime to practice with the children and also for making themselves available for the event on Saturday.

As we move towards December I thought I would remind parents of all the activities we have planned to take us to the end of term:

Christingle – Sunday 2nd December

We are looking forward to our Christingle services in church this Sunday (3.30pm Foundation Stage and KS1, 5.00pm KS2) We have been practicing our songs and welcomed the church music group last week to go through the songs with us – they were very impressed with the children's singing! The children will also be making their Christingles on Friday morning, with the older children working alongside the younger children to make their Christingles. Thanks go to Williamson's fruit and vegetable wholesalers who have donated the oranges to school this year. Revd Lyn, who left All Saints' Church in the summer has offered to come back and join Revd Proctor to lead the service, it will be lovely to see her again. If you are able to join us I am sure you will find it a very moving start to our Christmas activities!

Christmas Story Night – Thursday 6th December

Foundation and KS1 staff will be holding, what seems to have become, their traditional Christmas story night for the children. They will read Christmas stories around the Christmas tree, with the children moving around the classes to hear all the stories and have snacks along the way, they will then all join together in the hall for a short Christmas film. This is always a popular event with the children and I am very grateful to the staff for giving their time to provide this experience for the children.

Foundation/KS1 Christmas Production – Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th December(afternoon performances)

Y3/4 Christmas Production – Tuesday 18th December (afternoon and evening performances)

Staff and children are now busy practicing their songs, dances and acting for their upcoming Christmas productions.

A letter went out earlier this week about tickets for the Foundation/KS1 production, these are now available online (maximum 2 initially), orders will close next Wednesday (5th) and then any remaining tickets will be made available for families to get extra tickets.

Tickets for the Y3/4 performance will go online on the 5th, look out for the letter about this early next week.

I am sure parents and family members will enjoy their performances in a couple of weeks' time.



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Keyboard/Guitar Christmas Concert – Friday 14th December 2.30pm

Mrs Williams will be organising her concert for parents of those children who have keyboard/guitar lessons. I am sure you will be very pleased to see the progress the children are making. Mrs Williams will be contacting parents separately to confirm arrangements for this event

'A Christmas Carol' whole school theme week – Monday 17th December

To celebrate 175 years since the publication of Charles Dickens novel, the whole school will be taking part in activities relating to this story. The children all watched a version of the film earlier this week, to familiarise themselves with the story in preparation for the theme week. The main message in this story is one of compassion, and this being one of our own school Christian Values it is most appropriate.

Christmas Parties

The children will all be having their Christmas parties in the last week of term. Your child's teacher will be in touch regarding this nearer the time. All parties take place during the afternoon session and will finish by 3.30pm

Foundation/Key Stage One – Thursday 20th December

Y3/4 – Thursday 20th December

Y5/6 – Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 19th December

We are all looking forward to our school Christmas dinner day; the children always enjoy coming into the hall in their Christmas jumpers to have dinner with the staff, with some of us helping the kitchen staff to serve the children their food with Christmas songs playing in the background. Thanks must go to the kitchen staff, who always do an amazing job making a full Christmas dinner for around 300 people, we all know how stressful it is making Christmas dinner for just our own families, I am not sure how they manage to do it for so many people!

Donations for Christmas jumper day will go to the Save the Children Charity.

Choir/Handbells Group Performances – Wednesday 19th December

Mrs Smalley and Mrs Sykes-Cook have been invited to take the children to take part in the church carol service at 6.30pm. They have also arranged to take the children to perform at Orchard Cottage during the afternoon. Mrs Smalley organised this last year and the residents enjoyed listening to the children so will be looking forward to seeing them again.

Christmas Disco - Thursday 20th December

The PTA have arranged their Christmas disco for Thursday 20th (6pm-7pm Foundation/KS1 and 7.15pm-8.15pm KS2) They will be sending out information about tickets soon and asking for volunteers to help out on the night.

School Carol Service – Friday 21st December 2pm

We will be holding our traditional Carol Service in the Sports Centre on the last afternoon of this term. Our hand bells group will perform for parents as they arrive and all the children in school will be singing songs and performing for families and friends during the service. Revd Proctor will also be joining us again. Please join us for this final

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Christmas event of the year, which is sure to get you in the mood for the Christmas holiday if you aren't already by that point!

Other matters:

Class 9 Assembly – Wednesday 5th December

We have one remaining class assembly this term, class 9 will welcome parents and friends next Wednesday at 9.30am, coffee will be available in the community room from 9am, after dropping off your children.

Sports Coach

Unfortunately Mr Faulkner, who started with us as sports coach in September, has decided to leave us at Christmas. He has thoroughly enjoyed working with us, leading PE lessons across the school and running lunchtime and after school sports clubs. However, he has found the travelling distance more difficult than he first imagined, as he travels each day from Bridlington and has had to make the difficult decision to leave us. I must say thanks to him for his hard work this term and for the positive relationships he has developed with pupils, staff and parents.

We have advertised and appointed a new sports coach to start with us in January. Mr Walker will take over the afternoon PE lessons previously done by Mr Faulkner and he will liaise with Miss Davy (school PE leader) to agree which sports we will be offering next term during the lunchtime and after school clubs. Once this is agreed a letter will be sent out by Mrs Rothwell for parents to book the clubs in the usual way. Mr Walker has previously taught PE in different primary schools in the York and Selby area, working for a sports coaching company. He is looking forward to being able to develop his role working solely at our school and we look forward to welcoming him.

Parent Questionnaire

It has been a year since I sent my last questionnaire to parents, so I will be sending out this year's questionnaire tomorrow. Please take time to complete it and return it to school. Thank you.

I hope you and your children enjoy the last few weeks of term and I look forward to seeing you at the events we have planned.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J. Newby

Parent comments

(please use this space to write comments and queries about school in general and post in comments box)