

# Ferryhill Station Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas is nearly upon us and rehearsals will be taking up more of the children's time this week. Please help them with learning words and preparing costumes. Tickets are available for both Junior and Infant shows in the Main Office. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the performances and/or Carol Service (this Thursday, 10am). It is a particularly busy time of the year so please bear with staff who will be working hard to give the children the best experiences at a very exciting time of the year.

Mr. Jackson (Head Teacher)

## Attendance and Illness

The school works closely with parents and the local authority Attendance Improvement Team. This partnership is proving successful. We like to celebrate the very best attendance and we will be recognising 100% and 98% attenders once again this term. It is inevitable that some children (and adults) will pick up colds and bugs during the winter period but you should always aim to send your child into school. If your child is ill during the day, we will communicate this with you. In the worst cases, 48 hours off at home is generally enough to make a recovery.

## Performances

KS2 'Bah Humbug!' – Please ensure that all costumes are in school no later than next Monday in time for the Dress Rehearsal at 10am. Tickets are available for the performances next Tuesday at 1:30pm and 5:30pm. All KS2 pupils are expected to remain in school between the performances where they will be supervised. All children will require a suitable packed tea which can be eaten before the evening show.

KS1/EY 'Baubles' – Tickets are available for both performances next Thursday at 10:00am and 1:15pm. The children will be allowed to go home immediately after the second show.

## Other Christmas Notices

Thank you to all parents, friends and families who supported at the Town Hall on Friday as 20 of our older children performed carols.

Christmas Lunch/PTFA Film Afternoon – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

KS1/EY Christmas Party – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Christmas Party – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

The children can come into school in non-uniform (something 'Christmassy') on the day of their party. Teachers will send home details of food requests separately. *N.B. A tuck shop will be available during the PTFA Film Afternoon.*



## Events this half-term

**Mondays** – KS1 Games

**Wednesdays** – KS2 Singing

**Thursdays** – Y5/6 Robotics Club

No after-school clubs next week.

## Term Dates

### Last Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Staff Training Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Spring Term begins

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Spring Half-Term

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### School re-opens

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February



### \*\*\*HOUSE CHALLENGE\*\*\*

correct to 10<sup>th</sup> December

FORBES – 21

JAGO – 25

WARD – 14