



'The Aspin Owler' – Festive Edition!

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In my teaching career the festive season has provided some of the happiest memories for staff, children and other members of the school community, and Christmas in all its guises will be no different this year. I have already outlined in brief what is happening, but this special newsletter is hopefully something that you can stick on the fridge and tick off the days until the end of term. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter there are many decorated angels around the URC in the town, all done by our children, and thanks to Mrs Hitchinson's great organisation we had a lovely entry in the St John's Christmas Tree Festival, thanks to all involved in this also.

Thursday 6th December (6pm) – Carols Round the Tree

This long established Christmas tradition at Aspin was in its earlier form actually held outside. Unfortunately the teachers and children of the 21st century are not that hardy, therefore it will be held in Abbey Hall as normal. It is a chance for our various musical groups throughout school to come together and entertain assembled parents and other family members and also a chance for that same assembly to sing a few carols as well – you will know (I hope!) if your child is taking part in this.

Friday 7th December – 3CG Assembly (2.30pm)

Although not strictly festive, 3CG take to the stage to do their class assembly, the last of the term. Good Luck to them.

Friday 7th December – Y2 Cake Bake (3.20pm)

Y2 parents, you can be as festive as you wish in this respect! We thank you in advance of your baking – or buying!

Tuesday 11th (1.30pm) & Wednesday 12th December (10.00am)

Foundation's 'Shine Star, Shine'

As ever our youngest children get the Christmas Play season off to a flying start with 'Shine Star, Shine' and I know that you will not be disappointed with the outcome. They have been practicing very hard, and the Foundation team are really looking forward to seeing you all next week. As with **all** afternoon performances, children will be allowed to go home afterwards if they have someone available to pick them up, if not they will wait until 3.20pm as normal.

Wednesday 12th December (11.30 onwards!) – Christmas Dinner Day

This is always a hugely well supported event and the letters have been sent out already to you to ascertain numbers, which are usually so big we have to have two sittings. We have in the past made the Christmas Dinner Day our Christmas Jumper Day too, so children and staff are asked to adorn their best festive knitwear. We will be raising money for **Save the Children** as we have done in the past few years, and we will also be holding retiring collections at the end of each performance for the same appeal.

Friday 14th December – Christmas Fair (6.00 – 8.00pm)

This is always one of the most celebrated events of the festive period, and the PTA are currently hugely busy in bringing this to fruition, following so soon after the Fireworks Night. I know that the PTA have sent out information about the Fair already, and I will not repeat their words, other than to say please volunteer your help if you are able to, in whatever capacity you can. I will stress again, the PTA and their fund-raising are a vital cog in the larger Aspin wheel, so please get yourselves down to school next Friday evening, hopefully to volunteer, or at least to buy a mulled wine – or potentially both!

Saturday 15th December (6.00pm) – Harrogate International Centre Schools Concert

Our newly named choir 'Aspin Harmony' will be taking part in the massed school choirs' event at the HIC. They brighten my Friday mornings greatly, and alongside the other schools taking part, I am sure they will sound superb.

Tuesday 18th December – Y4's 'Christmas is Forever' (1.30pm & 6.30pm)

Y4 bring back to the Aspin Stage the popular 'Christmas is Forever' prepare yourselves for mystery and espionage, and the off evil laugh as well – not to mention some outstanding singing!

Tuesday 18th December – All Day – Y3 & Y6 Christmas Party Day

You will receive notification of this separately.

Wednesday 19th December – Certificate Assembly 2 (9.10am)

I will do my very best to make this as festive as possible for those in school!

Wednesday 19th December – Y5's 'Sulky Santa' (1.30pm & 6.30pm)

Prepare yourselves for the 'big man' in a bad mood Y5 parents and families! Let's hope he gets over itself in time for the 25th! It looks to be a great addition to the Christmas repertoire.

Thursday 20th December – All Day – FS, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Party Day

You will receive notification of this separately.

Friday 21st December (10am) – Christmas Assembly

This will be led by me, with hopefully a fair smattering of musical interludes from the rest of the school.

Friday 21st December (1.15pm) – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

