



**"A small school, with big ambitions!"**

## Newsletter - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Christmas

Next week we will be feeling very festive with performances and parties. There won't be a newsletter next week so on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas with our best wishes for 2018.

### PE Kits

As next week will be taken up with Christmas performances, parties etc, there will be no PE. Therefore PE kits for children in Gibside & Cragside will be sent home today.

### Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons have now finished for the term and will recommence on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Road Safety Measures

You will have noticed the new road safety features in the village. We are grateful to everyone who has supported the implementation of these measures and would like to thank them for their hard work. Installing them takes a lot of planning but it means our playground is safer and makes crossing the road easier for pupils as well as residents.

### Carol Service at St George's Church

Tomorrow morning at 11.00am there will be the annual Carol Service at St George's Church. Everyone is invited, this is a great chance to enjoy the run up to Christmas in our local community.

### Admissions to Reception now open

Parents can apply from today until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 using the admissions portal which can be found on the admissions webpage - [www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx?nccredirect=1](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx?nccredirect=1)

### New Year and Teacher Training Day

Please note that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January is a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed to pupils. **School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Christmas Carols at The Glenside

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Carol Service at 2pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This is our traditional end of term event and it is a great opportunity for our local community to join us. Children can be collected at the end of the service. For any parents/carers who cannot attend, children will walk back to school and can be collected as normal. Please note Little Stars will still be running until 5pm as normal.

### Icy Weather

The school yard can be very slippery at times. Jon ensures paths and access are gritted, but there may be large parts of the yard that we are unable to grit before school opens. Please take care when moving around school and we would ask that children and adults wait in the areas that have been gritted.

