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2nd December 2019

Dear Parents,

Sharing Learning Session

Following the parentmail communication, we would like to remind you that you are invited you to a 'Sharing Learning' session on Monday 2nd December at 2:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to share your child's learning in the classroom by going through their books with them and discussing what they have achieved over the year.

The class teacher will be in the classroom however it is not a parent consultation and therefore no private appointments will be available on this day. However, if you feel you would like to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher after viewing your child's books, please do so. Governors from the school will also be present to share the children's learning.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all of those who made our Christmas Fair a great success by donating items, helping to organise and run stalls or coming along to support us on the day. It was well attended and a great time was had by all. Over £1000 was raised on the day. What a great success. Thank you.

Christmas Performances

The children will be performing their production of *I'm In A Nativity Get Me Out Of Here* on Monday 16th December at approximately 1pm and Tuesday 17th December at 9:10am. Please note the doors will not open on the Monday performance until 12:50pm to allow the school to clear the school lunch tables away. Due to the capacity in our school hall with increased pupil numbers, we are issuing tickets this year so that we do not exceed our fire regulation limit. Last year's afternoon performance was so well attended that some parents could not get into the hall and listened to the performance from the corridors. This year we want all parents to be able to watch their child's performance. Each family will be given two tickets. Each ticket admits one person to either the Monday or Tuesday performance. These tickets will be given to children to take home

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and a Parentmail message issued to say when they have been distributed. Tickets must be presented at the door on the performance dates. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Tuesday 17th December. The cost will be £2.00 for any child in Y3/4/5/6 who wishes to join us. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will receive the dinner free of charge, should you so wish, due to the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party & Disco will be on Friday 20th December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch. This will cost £2 per child if in Y3/4/5/6 as children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please. We are hoping to have a special guest who will take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us on this afternoon.

Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch the Panto of Beauty & The Beast at Theatre Royal Newcastle, on Thursday 19th December. The coach will leave after lunch and return to school at approximately 5:15pm. The H.S.A. have kindly offered to pay for this entertainment. Thank you very much to the H.S.A. for their kind generosity.

Alnwick Food Bank

Although Christmas can be an exciting time of year, it is recognised that for some families this time of year can be very challenging financially. If you need support with providing food for your family over the Christmas period, please contact Alnwick Food Bank directly by either telephoning 07498488797 or e-mailing : alwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com

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Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning Friday 10th January for all the pupils in school. Please may we request voluntary contributions of up to £4 per session to cover the cost of the tuition and the coach travel.

Careers Week

Recent research has shown that the large majority of children have decided upon a career path by the age of 7 and this changes very little after this age. As part of our school development priorities, we want to ensure our children are aspirational and have meaningful opportunities to encounter the world of work. We want to encourage our children to have a realistic view of possible career paths, broaden their horizons, increase their motivation to learn and challenge gender stereotypes. Therefore in the week beginning 20th January we will be running a careers week workshop for all children. Children will work with their teachers to explore employment options, learn about the importance and necessity of work to earn money and undertake reflection about their own strengths, skills and attributes that could be utilised in certain careers.

As part of this careers focus, we are asking if there any parents who would be willing to come into school week beginning 20th January to discuss their job with the children. We envisage a 5-10 minute presentation explaining their job title, job role, job skills needed, experiences and qualifications and route taken for that career. This may be supplemented with images and props to make the presentation as meaningful as possible. If there are any parents interested or would like further information, please see Mrs Fletcher.

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to our attention that children are stepping into dog mess around the school vicinity on their way to and from school. We would appreciate it if all dog owners bringing their dogs to school behave responsibly regarding clearing their dog mess around school and everyone could support us passing this message to the community. Thank you.

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New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 6th January 2020.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and the staff.

Dates For Diaries

2nd December - Sharing Learning Session

13th December - H.S.A. Christmas Movie Night.

16th December - Children's Christmas performance at approx. 1pm

17th December - Children's Christmas performance at 9:10am

17th December - Children's Christmas Lunch

19th December - Panto trip to Theatre Royal to see Beauty & The Beast 2pm (children arriving back to school later - times to be confirmed nearer to the time).

20th December - Children's disco and party.

20th December - Children break up for Christmas.

Monday 6th January 2020- Children come back to school.

Regards,

Mrs Louise Fletcher

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Green Flag Award