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Dear Parents

Friday 24th November 2017

Christmas Fair Wednesday 13th December

We are having a Christmas Raffle on Wednesday 13th December from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. It will be quite small and low key, but we wanted to give the Year 3 & 4 children an opportunity to share the games they have been making in their Design and Technology lessons. We would like to have a Christmas Raffle, and Cake stall, teas and coffees, some simple games and tombola. If you can bake a cake or donate a Raffle prize, please let the office know. We will be starting to collect prizes from 4th December. Proceeds will go towards the Christmas party gifts.

Swimming

We will be taking the children swimming on a Thursday afternoon from the beginning of January until the end of the Spring term. In the past we have always taken the whole school, including Reception. However, this time we have changed it because we are starting an additional session of Nursery on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Dickens will be teaching Nursery and Reception together and will be using that session specifically for PE based activities. This year's Reception children will therefore begin their swimming lessons in Year 1.

Wreath Making Evening Friday 1st December

There is still time to book a place on the Wreath making evening, 7.00 – 9.30 pm. The cost is £12.00; all materials are provided, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. If you are unable to come but would like to order a wreath, please let Mrs Hilton or the office know, and someone will make one up for you. The proceeds will be used to buy some playground equipment that has been requested by the School Council.

Carol singing at the Hexham Christmas Market

We will be Carol singing at 10.30 am Saturday 9th December at the Christmas Market. Please meet at the Abbey from 10.20 am – the more the merrier!

SMART Board fund

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported fundraising events for new SMART boards. With the proceeds from the Summer Fair, the Northumbrian Evening, the Pop-up restaurant, and a donation from the Diocese, we have been able to buy the new SMART board in Class One, and order another one for Early Years, as well as a portable SMART board for the Hall. Thank you so much for helping us to keep our technology up to date and improve our teaching and resources.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan