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Newsletter- Week 15

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Dear families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2019. Where did the time go? It only seems like yesterday that the staff all returned refreshed from a Summer break and now we are coming in to the 15th week as we finish off the Christmas programme! It has been a very hectic time but a good, successful time and we look forward to a fabulous final week!

Christmas Shows: It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to watch our Christmas shows last week. We had 12 performances in total including the dress rehearsals which meant a very busy week for everyone. The children were amazing throughout and they sang, read and acted beautifully. They made us all laugh and smile and it was the perfect way to start the festive season! A big thank you to the staff for putting the shows together with limited time!

Safe/Timely Collection: We have had a number of parents trying to collect other children recently who are not on the child's safe collection list and the child's parent has not contacted school. As stressed previously, we take our responsibility for collection time very seriously and we would remind all parents that it is their responsibility to contact school- ideally before lunchtime on the day of collection- to pass on details of any changes to the normal collection routines. Thank you for your support in this vital matter! Could we also stress the importance of timely collections from clubs and after school? We do, sadly, have a handful of families who regularly collect late from school which is a serious safeguarding concern that we have to report. Our staff have meetings or personal appointments after school, as well as significant workloads, so let's all work together to ensure that collection time is smooth for everyone please.

Ear-rings: A reminder that ear-rings are not allowed in school at any time for health and safety reasons. Lots of children have started to wear clear, plastic ear-rings in recent weeks but these too are not allowed. They present the same risk as they could get caught and cause damage to the ear-lobes. Please ensure that any future piercings are planned for very beginning of the 6 week Summer holidays so that the piercings are settled before children come back to school and PE lessons are unaffected. Thank you.

Christmas Tree: Our hall has looked stunning over the festive period and we wanted to say a big thank you for the kind donation of this year's Christmas tree from Mandy and all of the team at KDA!

Key Diary Dates- Spring 2020: Please note the following key dates for diaries- a full list will be published online and on the newsletter on the first week back.

Monday 6th January- INSET Day (School closed to pupils) Clubs launched at 12.30pm

Wednesday 15th January- Deadline for F2 applications next year

Thursday 16th January- Y5 enterprise day in school

Tuesday 21st January- 5 to 6pm Wellbeing workshop for all families

Tuesday 21st January- 6 to 7pm Y6 Information Evening (SATS/Robinwood)

Wednesday 29th January- at 4.30pm- Springvale Museum- all parents/carers welcome

Friday 31st January- Basketball Visit for KS2 6.15pm leave (booking opens early in the term)

Thursday 6th February- 5pm London meeting and Y3/4 assembly

Wednesday 12th February- PM (Cross Country South Yorkshire Finals- transport help needed)

Singing Events: Our amazing choir have been singing in the community at the elderly residents' home at Weaver's Court, at a Christingle service this weekend and tonight they are singing at a PGS event at St John's Church. They have been amazing and we love to hear them sing. Please take a look on Twitter at their performances so far! The wonderfully talented Barnsley Youth Choir (BYC) are holding auditions for their choirs after Christmas; please ask us for details if your child might be interested!

Cinema Visits: Last week our children enjoyed a festive cinema visit and an ice-cream treat as part of their Christmas gift from school. The cinema staff and any general public members that we passed were all very complimentary about our children and their manners and behaviour! This made us very proud, as always. We were especially proud of the younger children for walking to and from the cinema in arctic conditions...it made the film choice 'Ice Age' seem quite apt!

Reading Books: Please could parents return any and all reading books ASAP!

Writing Competition: Thank you so much to everyone who entered the writing competition. We had 23 entries in total from Y1 to Y6 and the winners were:

Georgie and Rudi in KS1

Lottie and Arthur in Y3/4

Freya, Graihagh and Finlay in Y5/6

Thank you to the parent who donated prizes for all of the children who entered! The winners will go to the independent book shop 'Read' in Holmfirth tomorrow and enjoy a snack, a drink and a new book as a prize. Thanks to Mrs Fearn for organising; she was blown away by the quality of the work and has plans to create a display in the school entrance of all the great work!

Dress Down: Just a little reminder that children can wear their party clothes on their party day (all day), that it is Christmas Jumper day (with any other clothing, uniform not required at all) on Thursday for Christmas lunch and that all children can wear anything they like on a final day casual dress down this Friday- the final day of term!

Clubs: The new batch of clubs- for the first half of the Spring Term- have been sent out today alongside this newsletter. Please note that the clubs will launch at 12.30pm on the INSET day in January. We are hoping to launch a new dance club on Wednesday mornings after half-term and give Table Tennis a break. We also hope to bring back KS2 football on the field after half-term...weather permitting!

Carols Around the Tree: This event has been well publicised now and it will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 10.30am. Please let us know if any of our expected guests require assistance (space for a wheelchair or a seat near an exit, for example) so that we can accommodate them discretely and appropriately.

Thank You: The final two words on this term's final newsletter should definitely be 'thank you!' Thank you for your wonderful support and positive and/or constructive feedback. We appreciate all that you do, as families, to help us and we look forward to working with everyone to continue our improvement journey, and success, in 2020. On behalf of the staff, pupils and Governors; I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 14 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 15 Diary Dates
Attendance: 97.8%	Attendance: 97%	Monday 16 th : EYFS visit to Stockheld Park, KS1 Party (PM), PGS Church event (6.30pm)
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 0.3 per week	Tuesday 17 th : AM- F2 Christmas Party, PM- Y3/4 Christmas Party
GREEN LIGHTS: 99.0%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Wednesday 18 th : 10.30am Carols Around the Tree, PM- Y5/6 Christmas Party
Class of the Week: Y2 'Attenborough's Animals' with 99.2%		Thursday 19 th : Christmas Dinner Day- Christmas Jumpers to be worn
		Friday 20 th : Dress down for the whole school, music show at 9.15am for the whole school. Nursery party AM (all Nursery pupils)