



Friday December 13th 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my last weekly newsletter to you for the Autumn Term as we do not send out any information on the last day of term. Obviously, the result of the General Election yesterday is just sinking in and I am sure will lead to some key changes in government education policy moving forward. I will keep you fully informed of any changes as soon as we hear about them as we move through this academic year.

This morning's Reception performance was a wonderful opportunity to come together and share a very special moment at this time of year. In my message to our Governing Body in my Head Teachers report this term I wrote:

"Whatever your faith, belief, background our religion, at this time of year we come together in all to share something very special and wonderful. Through the story you have just seen we recognise together the importance and need for light in a time of darkness, the need to offer shelter and warmth to those in desperate need, the universal joy of celebrating a new life in the world with those close and dear to us, and that even in the mundane, ordinary and challenging routines of daily life we can stop to marvel at the wonderful, the special and the spiritual elements of our world together."

I hope 2020 brings some comfort and joy for us all and that our school community moves forward together as the wonderful celebration of diversity that we are.

Christmas Fair Thank you

I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff that came along last Sunday to help at our school Christmas Fair. The Friends do a phenomenal job and it is lovely to see the whole community come together to support us. The Hall looked quite spectacular and the operation ran brilliantly as ever!

Here is a message from the Friends to express their support too:

🌟 A BIG thank you to everyone for coming along to the Christmas Fair, helping with stalls and games. Particular thanks go to the team of superstars who coordinated the event. Special thanks to our caretakers who always support us so well!!

We raised an incredible ★ ☐ **£3600** ★ ☐ that will be ploughed back into school projects at

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We are incredibly proud of the fundraising events this year. All of which could only happen with the fantastic efforts of EVERYONE involved!!

Key Stage Two Christmas Celebration

Mrs Hague has been busy preparing our Key Stage 2 children for our new Christmas celebration event. It will take place at St George's Church on Tuesday 17th December. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited to join us at the church ready for a 2 o'clock start. There are no tickets required. We hope to see you there! Please note the performance will start promptly at 2pm and then all children will walk back to school to be dismissed from school at 3.20 as usual. All children in Key Stage 2 will take part in this celebration and though we are holding this at St George's church this year, it is an inclusive presentation by the children for all children and families.

Key Stage One and Reception Performances

You should have received your tickets for the younger children's performances this week. Just a reminder of the dates:

Year 1: The Nativity – Wednesday 18th December

Year 2: Everyone Loves A Baby – Thursday 19th December

The performances will start at around 9.30am but you are more than welcome to join us in the hall for refreshments after morning drop off.

Family Homeworks

Following the success of our Dippy School Family Homeworks last academic year, we are going to launch subject Family Homeworks each month for 2020. To start this off we are focusing on Design Technology. Mrs Laidler and Mr Rimmer have produced some exciting activities for you to do as a family over the holiday period - details are attached in this week's Parent mail. We'd love you to share this on our social media-pages.

Christmas Dinner

A huge thanks to our amazing kitchen team who cooked and served 550 Christmas Dinners today! There were lots of clean plates and happy smiles.

School will close on Friday December 20th at 3.20 pm and re-open for pupils on Monday January 6th 2020.

My Best Wishes to you all for a lovely holiday, a happy Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.



Young Achievers	
Grace R1	Northern Counties Dance Level 1 Bronze
Leo 4E	Stage 6 Swimming Award
Ivie R1	Fantastic Phonics
Dania 3C	Yellow Belt in Karate
Albie R2	Northern Counties Dance Graduated in EH Dance
Gracie 1B	50m Swimming Award
Isha 1B	Homework Star Award for Islamic Classes
Rebecca 3ST	Street Dance Level 1 Award
Harith 4F	Yellow Belt in Karate
Aleisha 4F	Swimming Medal