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Dear Parents

We are pleased to be able to share with you our plans for celebrating Christmas in school this year. These dates were in the first newsletter of the school year in September and subsequent newsletter diary dates. For performances in school, refreshments will be available for Parents to purchase.

Panto

We are going to the Panto at Millgate Theatre in Delph this year (Oh yes we are!) on Wednesday 14th December. Years R, 1 and 2 are going to the afternoon performance, and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going to the morning performance of Aladdin. Children will have their lunch in school either when they come back or before they go. We are asking for a contribution of £13.05 to be paid via Parent Pay which covers the price of the ticket and the coach transport. It is also via Parent Pay that you need to give consent for your child to go on the trip. For children in years 3-6, the coach will be leaving at 9am, please can children in these year groups arrive 10 minutes earlier than usual at 8.40am. For years R, 1 and 2, the coach will return to school at approximately 3.45pm, so a later pick-up is required.

Christmas Performances

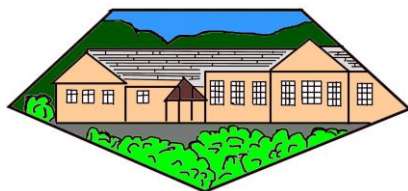
At this time of year Class R children and parents alike enjoy their first performance in school. The performance this year will be on Tuesday 20th December and will be a performance in the morning (around 9.30am). Due to the small class size, we are able to offer 3 tickets per child.

Years 1 and 2 are going to prepare a "Christmas Selection", which will be shared with parents over 2 performances. These performances will be on Monday 19th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. There are 3 tickets per family available across both performances.

*Please note: as there are 3 tickets available across 2 performances, to enable you to choose any combination (ie 3 for the same performance or 2 in 1 and 1 in the other) it will be technically possible to purchase 6 tickets. **Please do not do this.** Any purchases of more than 3 tickets per family will be refunded and you will have to start all over again.*

Tickets for all these performances will be available on Parent Pay at a cost of £3 per ticket, and will go on sale on Monday 14th November. There are enough tickets overall for each family to have their allotted allocation, however for classes 1 & 2 where there are 2 performances, the tickets available for each performance are limited and available on a first come first served basis.





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Christmas Music Concert

For the children who have been learning music in fee paying lessons, there will be a short performance by each group on a rolling programme between 9am and 11am on Tuesday 13th December. Parents / friends / wider family are invited to the time slot of their child's instrument group. If your child has more than one lesson, you are welcome to stay in the hall or you can go and come back again. There will not be any seating – it will be an informal stand and listen to your child.

Guitars at 9am

KS1 Choir at 9.20am

Woodwind at 9.35am

Percussion at 9.50am

Brass at 10.15am

Singers at 10.45am

Tickets will be on Parent Pay at £2 each and 4 tickets will be available for each child.

Please note for those parents whose children have started keyboard lessons, as they only started in September the teacher does not feel it is in the children's best interests to ask the children to perform at this time.

Parties, Christmas Dinner and Non-uniform

Each class will be having a Christmas Party within their class groups where the children can wear their party clothes to school that day – dates are in the newsletter. We are also doing a Christmas themed non-uniform day on the last day of term (Wednesday 21st December), with a £1 donation going towards class funds. Please bear in mind that whatever the children wear, they need to be able to play outside in, and enjoy their school day in (which may include craft activities) so as much as they are party clothes or christmasy non-uniform, the clothes also need to be practical – no designer wear that you would be upset about getting muddy or paint on, and no strappy tops, crop tops, healed shoes or make-up please.

Christmas Dinner day is on Friday 16th December. If your child does not usually have school dinners, please let the school office know if your child would like Christmas dinner on the last day just so we can ensure we order enough food. If your child is in Years 3-6, usual lunch charges will apply. The school council will be working with kitchen and the children will choose what the school Christmas dinner be.

Please keep an eye on the weekly school newsletter for the FODS Christmas fundraising activities, including their amazing Christmas hampers.

Kind Regards

Mrs Newton

