

Tuesday December 17th 2019

Dear Parents,

Christmas Productions

Well done to our children who performed so brilliantly in their productions last week. It was lovely to hear the many positive comments from parents and grandparents, and to see how much you all enjoyed the children's concerts. It really was a lovely atmosphere in school last week.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in planning and organising the Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December. The Fair was a great success and the amount raised was a fabulous £. Thank you very much for your generous tombola prizes and for your attendance on the day.

Residential Trip to Robin Wood

36 of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a residential trip to Robin Wood in Alston, Cumbria last week. The children had a wonderful time enjoying so many new activities that they had not tried before. The children were well-behaved and represented their school well. I am immensely grateful to Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. McDonald who gave up their time to take the children. In these exacting days of safeguarding and health and safety procedures, it is a huge responsibility for staff to take children away from home on a residential trip (staff in some schools are no longer prepared to do this). Our staff are meticulous in their care of the children and constantly liaise with school to ensure the trip is going to plan. We are delighted that the residential went well and the children loved the experience.

Parent Governor

Thank you to all parents for taking the time to vote in our parent governor elections and to our two parents for standing for the demanding role of parent governor. The election result was very close and Mr. Weedon has been elected as parent governor from next term.

End of Term Mass

Father Michael will be celebrating an end of term Mass at St. Bede's Church on Thursday December 19th at 10 a.m. All families and friends are welcome.

In-service Day

We have been advised by the local authority that we must allocate another in-service day for this academic year. Therefore we will be closing on Monday 20th January 2019 for further staff training on the new Ofsted framework. I apologise for the shorter notice.

Uniform

Could you please send a carrier bag into school with your child so that we can put in any uniform and other end of term items. If you could write your child's name on the carrier bag too that would help. On Friday the children can come into school in their own clothes if they wish.

Christmas Holiday

The school closes on Friday 20th December 2019 at 12.30 p.m. The children will be having their lunch in school first. The school re-opens on Monday January 6th 2019 at 8.50 a.m.

The staff and I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope you have an enjoyable holiday with your children. They have worked very hard this term and are ready for a rest and some celebrations.

Best wishes,

N. Park

Headteacher.