

# Newsletter

## Christmas 2018



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Dear Parents and Community

### **Panto Arrangements - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 9:00**

Just to remind you that we will be leaving school at 9am on Monday morning, travelling with Telford's of Newcastleton, for our visit to the pantomime at the Sands Centre. We will return to school for a late lunch at around 1:30pm, but we are taking snacks and fruit with us to keep the children from getting hungry. Please can you make sure children arrive at school prompt, in full uniform ready for the off, as we will have a slightly longer journey time due to the road closure.

### **Christmas Play - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 14:00 and 18:30**

Please find attached 2 tickets per family for the evening performance of our production of 'Tinsel and Tea Towels'. A limited number of extra tickets are available on request, please let the office know if you would like some. Tickets are NOT required for the afternoon performance which begins at 2pm.

There will be a raffle in the evening, if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please send it in from anytime now.

### **Christingle/Christmas Party Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Christingle - During the morning we will be having visitors from the parish in school to help the children make their Christingle ready for our service on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Parties - Nursery children will have their party during the usual morning session. Reception through to Year 6 will have their party in the afternoon. Children may choose to come to school dressed in party clothes for this day. Please make sure clothing is appropriate for school i.e. no heels, make-up, jewellery etc; that children have suitable outdoor clothing for break-times and please bear in mind the morning's activity session.

### **Church Service / End of Term - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 13:30**

We have been advised that the road closure at Rack Bridge will continue until 30<sup>th</sup> December and we have therefore reluctantly made the decision to hold our Christmas service in school this year. Rev'd Brown will join us here for the service. Please come along and join us for this seasonal celebration.

The playground will be open for car parking from 1:15pm and the service will start at 1:30pm as usual. School will close for the Christmas holidays when the service ends, so please can you let your bus driver know your plans for that day.

### **Staff Absence**

Miss Smith (Class 1) will be absent for the rest of this term following a family bereavement. Our thoughts are with her and her family at this difficult time. We look forward to her return in the New Year.

### **Illness**

Unfortunately, this has been a particularly bad term for illness. We have taken and followed advice from Public Health England on how to combat this and would ask you please to ensure that following a period of contagious illness, children are kept away from school until they are clear of symptoms for 48 hours. This 2 day period is a buffer zone to prevent the illness from continually re-spreading.

We hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas Break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year when school starts again on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs Batey".

Mrs Batey,  
Head Teacher