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BROOMS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

9 December 2022

*KS1 Christmas Play – Tuesday 13 December 2022 – **4.15pm** in School Hall*
*KS2 Christmas Play – Thursday 15 December 2022 – **4.15pm** in Brooms Church*
*Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers invited) – Friday 16 December 2022 at **9.10am***
KS1 Christmas Party – Monday 19 December 2022
Class 2 Christmas Party – Monday 19 December 2022
Class 3 Christmas Party – Tuesday 20 December 2022
Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 21 December 2022
Christmas Holidays start Thursday 22 December 2022 at 3.20pm
Children return to school – Tuesday 10 January 2023

Childcare Provision mornings only – Please book
After School Clubs – Please book
Year 5 Swimming last lesson Monday 19 December 2022

Reminder - Attendance

Just a reminder that parents and carers are expected to ring in or email each day of a pupil's absence. If we do not receive a message, the absence is recorded as unauthorised. We will follow up all unreported absences via telephone or email and if we are unable to make contact with you we would need to refer this on to make sure you and your child are safe and well. Thank you for your help.

In the coming weeks we will be issuing parents with guidance from the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust on general expectations of parents/carers in and out of school, including social media and online platforms. As a general rule of thumb, it is expected that any issues relating to your child and school are reported to school staff so that they can be addressed through the appropriate channels. This allows incidents to be investigated first hand by the relevant staff rather than situations escalating outside of school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

I would like to make parents aware that Our Lady and St Joseph's and St Pius now have a joint Governing board across the two schools. As members of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, we will now have lots of new opportunities to work across the schools to strengthen provision. Some of your children will have already met some staff and governors from St Pius, on visits to look at RE and ICT. They were very impressed with the children and staff. They were made to feel welcome. As I continue to work across both schools, I am mindful that some parents/carers will be contacting me directly when I am unavailable or not on site. For this reason, if you need an urgent reply or to pass on

a message to staff by all means cc me into emails but it is safer to send to the ourladystjoseph@durhamlearning.net

Statement to Live By
Our Statement to live by this week will be ***'I matter so do you'***
Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship next week.

Dinner Money/Childcare/After School
Please ensure all payments (and all outstanding payments, including Fishy Friday and Christmas Lunch) are brought into school by **Tuesday 20 December 2022** at the latest.

Lunch - Thursday 22 December
The children will be allowed Fish and Chips on their final day. If your child currently has packed lunch but would like fish and chips, please send payment in by **Tuesday 20 December 2022**.

Reminder - Christmas Performances
All children will be collected at home time, taken home to have a light snack, change into their costume and return to church or school by 4pm. Doors will open at approximately 4pm for children and parents/carers to take their seats. This will give staff time to get set up and ready to start for 4.15pm. This is not a ticketed event but we would ask families to be mindful of the space/seating available in both venues. We will also have a collection on the day for a worthy cause. We will consult with the School Council on their chosen charity.

Costumes for KS1 Christmas play will be provided by school

KS2 Children Costumes

- Carol Singers, Stall Holders, Shoppers, Nazarenes, Inn Keeper's Wife, Inn Keeper, Relatives will all need to dress in tunic/robes (bed sheets can be used for this and tied with some form of belt)
- All Angels – Angel Costume (white dress/trousers/top – anything white that they already have)
- Conductor - wear own clothes
- Roman Soldiers – Black trousers/top
- Modern Children – Christmas jumpers, hats and scarves
- Mary – Blue or white dress
- Joseph - tunic/robes (bed sheets can be used for this and tied with some form of belt)
- Big Star – White clothing (dress/trousers/top)
- Shepherds – tunic/robes (bed sheets can be used for this and tied with some form of belt) and tea towel for head dress
- Herod – Robe
- All Courtiers – tunic/robes (bed sheets can be used for this and tied with some form of belt)
- Wise Men – Robes
- Kings Servants – tunic/robes (bed sheets can be used for this and tied with some form of belt)

Please note there will be no After School Clubs on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December, please contact school if you require child care.

Celebration Assembly
All parents/carers are invited to the end of term Celebration Assembly on Friday 16 December 2022 at **9.10am** – please note change of time
The Raffle will also take place straight after Assembly. If you wish to purchase Raffle tickets, please do so **before Friday**.

Year 6 children Carol Singing at Tesco's

The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed singing at Tesco's during the week and raised the grand total of £52.68.

Many thanks to the parents/grandparents who were kind enough to take the children to Tesco's and stay and support them.

The children were a credit to our school and their families.

Thanks also to Mrs Jackman, Mrs Armstrong and Miss Pinkerton for their help and of course beautiful singing.

Well done children, we are all very proud of you

Christmas Charities/ Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you once again for your very generous donations towards our Reverse Advent Calendar.

Christmas Fayre

Final amount raised so far is £383.37 although we are still selling Raffle Tickets.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fayre

Reminder - Behaviour Policy

The Behaviour Policy is now available to view on our school website: www.ourladyandstjosephs.com

Please take the time to read this.

Reminder – Attendance

The DfE and Local Authority have issued new legislation around attendance and punctuality.

We would like to remind parents/carers that holidays in term time are marked as unauthorised absence in line with school and Local Authority Policy.

Any 7 days within 12-week rolling period will trigger a fixed penalty notice (i.e. fine).
If you or your child requires support in improving or maintaining attendance please contact school so that we can offer support or refer to the relevant agencies.
We appreciate that for some children school can be overwhelming but we are here to help and support children and families in any way we can.

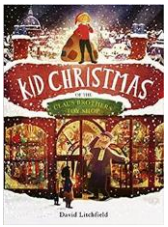
Reading Books
Class 1- children in Reception will today bring home a library book to share at and a book with no words so they can practise their oral storytelling. They will also bring home some sound cards of the sounds they have learnt this week to practise at home.
Year 1 and 2 children will bring home a reading book linked to the Read Write Inc book they have read this week in lessons.
Classes 2 and 3- All children have completed their Star Assessments this week and have their new ZPD range, they will be bringing home a reading book within this range. Please remember that while we encourage children to work incrementally through their ZPD range, children are also encouraged to read books they will enjoy which are outside of this range, nothing is off limits!

Accelerated Reader
The total number of words: 1,903,592
Well done to everyone who is spending time reading their books to contribute to this total.

Recommended Reads for December

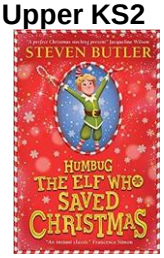
EYFS

KS1



Lower KS1

Upper KS2



Reminder - Cash into school
Please ensure that any cash (dinner money, school fund, childcare, after school clubs, uniform) that is brought into school is clearly marked with:

- **your child's name**
- **amount**
- **what the money is for**
- **preferably in a money bag or envelope**
- The cost of a school dinner has increased to **£2.40** per day making this **£12.00** per week. This cost applies to **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6** children only.
- If any child is currently on packed lunch but would like a school day at any time, please send the money in to school on the morning. The menu is available to view on the school website, under parent section and school dinners
- Please send payment into school on Monday/Tuesday morning each week and ensure that it is in a sealed envelope with the child's name on it. Where possible please send the correct money **No loose notes or coins please**
- We are continuing with **'All in Fridays'** if your child is currently on packed lunches but would like a dinner on a Friday please send payment in to school on the morning. There is a payment of **£2.40 for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children**.

School Fund
£8.80 has been received this week. Thank you

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