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December 2015 Newsletter

**As an early Christmas treat, we will be finishing school at
1.15 pm on Thursday, 17th December.**

School will re-open again at 8.55 am on Tuesday, 5th January 2016.

Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools

On Friday, 13th November, an Inspector visited our school to carry out an inspection to ensure our Church of England character meets with their standards. We are delighted to report that we were found to be outstanding in all areas which includes the distinctiveness and effectiveness of our school, collective worship and leadership management. An extract from the report reads, "Children are justifiably proud of their school and eagerly fulfil the responsibilities they are given. Their daily actions show that Christian values of love, trust and forgiveness are deeply embedded within school life". The report is available to view on the school website. There are paper copies available in school should you prefer one.



Christmas Nativity/Show

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity 'A Miracle in Town' on Thursday, 10th December. This will take place at St George's Church and will begin at 2.00 pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend including parents, carers, grandparents and friends. The

children have been working very hard practising their parts for the Nativity and I can assure you that you are in for a treat!!

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing their Christmas show 'Joy to the World' on Monday, 14th December. This will also take place at St George's Church and will begin at 2.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend including parents, carers, grandparents and friends. The children are very excited and can't wait to perform their show for you!

The children will need to return back to school after both performances to get changed and collect their belongings. Parents/carers should collect their children from school as they normally would.

Christmas Parties

We have decided to hold all the class Christmas parties on Wednesday, 16th December. See below for more details.

- Nursery and Little Dragons will be having their Christmas party **in the morning**.
- Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas party **in the morning**.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas party **in the afternoon**.

Children can come to school on the day in their party clothes/shoes. Please be aware that the children will be playing out at break times so fancy shoes may get ruined. If you are concerned about this please provide a separate pair of shoes for your child to change into for playing out. Thanks. We are asking for a very small amount of money towards the parties. Separate letters will be sent out very soon with more details. Thanks.



Choir

Just a reminder that the choir will be singing at Furness General Hospital on Wednesday, 2nd December at 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm. If you have not already done so, please can you complete and return your reply slips as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas dinner

Just a reminder that we will be having our school Christmas dinner on Tuesday, 15th December. As always, the teaching staff (including Mrs Kent) will be helping the kitchen staff to serve the dinner - a sight not to be missed!!

Swimming

The last swimming session for this year will be on Monday, 7th December. After Christmas Years 2, 4 and 6 will continue swimming. The first session will be on Monday, 11 January 2016. If anyone has not yet paid their £2.00 for swimming, please call at the office. Thanks.



Poppy Day

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy from school. We managed to raise £44.96 for the Royal British Legion. All donations are, as always, very gratefully received!

Reminder

Year 3 are to visit the South Lakes Safari Zoo tomorrow, 1st December. Children are to wear old clothes and sensible shoes ie, walking boots, wellies or old trainers. A spare pair of trousers should also be packed in a named bag.

Toddlers

The last toddler group session for this year will be on Tuesday, 8th December. Toddler group will be back up and running next year - details to follow on the next Newsletter.

Outstanding monies

Please could everyone who still owes money for swimming and dinners please arrange to pay this before we close for the Christmas break. Thanks.

After-school clubs

All after-school clubs will finish on Friday, 11th December.

Family Learning - First Aid

The last session for the above will be on Wednesday, 9th December - 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm.

Family Night

A letter was recently sent out regarding the Christmas Family Night on Friday, 11th December at The Royal British Legion Club on Holker Street. We have had quite a few people saying that they wish to come along but, in order to confirm numbers, we really need the slips/money returning. If you need a further copy of the letter, please call at the office. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have in the school office a bag of toy guns which were brought in during one of our 'dress up' days. Please call to collect these if you think you have left them. Thanks.

Connecting Cumbria

We have received a letter from the above asking that we raise awareness about accessing fibre broadband services in the area. Here are the steps you need to find out whether your household can connect to fibre broadband:-

- 1) Visit <http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where>
- 2) Select Deployment Map tab
- 3) Select icon to enlarge map
- 4) Enter postcode into search engine

- 5) Click on map to show the position regarding fibre broadband in your area
- 6) The inner darker circles are anticipated to receive speeds in excess of 24Mbps, the outer lighter circles are anticipated to receive speeds between 2Mbps and 24Mbps.

What do I do next?

Any upgrade is not automatic. To benefit from the new services you need to contact your chosen Internet Service Provider (ISP) to place an order. Remember it is always best to shop around as there are some great fibre broadband deals available from a variety of ISPs.

What do I do if my area is not yet live?

If fibre broadband is not yet available in your area, please register your interest at <http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where> and we will notify you when services become available. If you have any queries regarding the work of the Connecting Cumbria programme, please contact the team at info@connectingcumbria.org.uk.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in November was CLASS 4 with 97.74%.

AND FINALLY, ALL THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A



Mrs E Kent & Staff