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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Attendance

It has been a difficult few weeks regarding attendance, much of it brought on by a sickness bug, which seems to be easing. However, the school governors and I have concerns going forward regarding attendance- particularly regarding absence on a Friday, which is lower than the rest of the week and Term Time 'breaks'. I would also remind parents of this regarding attendance on the last day of term.

If your child is off and isn't ill you are harming their educational chances and ability to learn- we have to act as a school. The national expectation is that your child's attendance should be at least 95% or more. Even an attendance of 90% means that your child is missing weeks of learning. As a school we have a duty to act and have spoken to the Local Authority regarding this- they will be writing to you all through us. Fines have been issued at this school and elsewhere in Cumbria. Repeated failure to ensure your child's attendance at school can result in a custodial sentence- this has happened in this area.

We make a lot of effort to reward good attendance, with raffles, prizes and other incentives- please work with us to ensure that right to school is in place for all children.

Attendance this week:

Reception	86%	Year 4	95%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	89%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	91%
Year 3	93%		

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE LAST DAY FINISHES AT 1.15pm**

**CHRISTMAS DIARY**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day and Time</b>	<b>Location and Times</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Christmas Gift Sale	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Room	<i>Timings: Wed 10-11.30 for Nursery and LD Rest of School Wed and Thurs 1.30-3pm <b>Presents start from £1</b></i>
Christmas Choir	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Furness General 6pm	
Christmas Fair	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Main Hall 3.30pm-6pm	<i>Bottle and chocolate donations gratefully received- Santa will be in attendance!</i>
Nursery and Little Dragons <b>Nativity</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Main Hall 2pm	
Reception, Years 1 and 2 <b>Nativity</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	St George's Church 10.30am	
Parents' Council- Christmas C of E and Cake with Young Voices	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10-12 Community Room	<i>All welcome</i>
Reception, Year 1 and 2 Party	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Main Hall	<i>Children in <b>those</b> classes wear party clothes to school.</i>
Nursery and Little Dragons Party	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and LD	<i>Children in <b>those</b> classes wear party clothes to school. Santa is back!</i>
Years 3,4 5 and 6 Party (split into am and pm)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Main Hall	<i>Children in <b>those</b> classes wear party clothes to school.</i>
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	<i>A chance for a full St George's Christmas Day!</i>
<b>LAST DAY</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>DISMISSED AT 1.15pm</b>