

### AUTUMN TERM 2 DATES

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3/4 Christingle at St Chads Church - School only  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 10am: Year 3/4 Christingle at St Chads Church - **Parents only**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: School Christmas Lunch  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 & 2 Party (pm)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Snappy Christmas Performance (Choir) at **Eston Leisure Centre**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5 & 6 Party (pm)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Year 3 & 4 Party (pm)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Year 5 visit 'Beauty and the Beast'- Acklam Grange School  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Choir: Carols around the tree: 3.15pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: **Nursery closed am**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day - 'Cash for Kids' charity collection  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: EYFS Party (am/pm)  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: SCHOOL CLOSSES**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January: SCHOOL OPENS**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: School closes for half term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: School opens after half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children were amazing this week in their respective performances. We were treated to 'The First Christmas' from Nursery and Reception classes. 'A Midwife Crisis' from Key Stage 1 and our Year 5/6 performed 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parents for your continued support in helping the children learn their lines, coming along and being a fantastic audience!

DVD's of all the performances can be ordered from the school office - £3.00

Congratulations to our choir, who braved the cold today, singing beautifully at the Middlesbrough Christmas Market. Well done all of you!

### DINNER MONEY

We have a number of families with dinner money arrears and outstanding balances. All balances to the end of term must be paid **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** to enable banking before we break up. If dinner money is not paid by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - we will assume that parents are providing a packed lunch for their child for the final week. Just a reminder that Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas dinner day!

### YEAR 3 CHRISTINGLE



Our Year 3 /4 children hold their Christingle Services at St Chad's Church on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**. I hope you are able to join us!



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our traditional school Christmas lunch. On this day there will be **no salad bar**. Every year we invite children who normally have a packed lunch/go home for lunch to join us. If you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch please contact the school office. A school meal costs £1.90 however, children in Key Stage 1 (Rec-Year2) who are **all** eligible for Universal Free School Meals and pupils entitled to free school meals will receive Christmas lunch free of charge.



### MIDDLESBROUGH FOODBANK DONATIONS - A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to **'THANK YOU!'** for your generosity in providing items for the Middlesbrough Foodbank.

The Foodbank staff will be collecting our donations on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### SNAPPY CHRISTMAS

Our Choir are performing in the Middlesbrough Schools Snappy Christmas at **Eston Leisure Centre** on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. We would like to wish our entrants the very best of luck!

### CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

You will be able to see our choir perform along with our Year 4 at our 'CAROLS AROUND THE TREE' event on **Thursday 21st December** after school. The singing starts at 3.30pm and usually lasts for 30-40 minutes.

Please come and join us for mince pies and hot chocolate!

Come, join in and have a sing!

### NURSERY: FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> December

Just a reminder that there is **NO MORNING NURSERY** on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** due to all Nursery children attending the EYFS party in the afternoon.

**The afternoon session Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December starts at 1.15pm.**

### EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE: Request for clothing

At the start of the school year our Early Years - Nursery and Reception is equipped with additional, pants, socks, trousers, socks and tights - as inevitably there is the occasional spill or accident. When used, we request that they be washed and returned to school. Unfortunately our stock has become extremely limited and we would appreciate any clothing borrowed to be returned or if you should have any items - pants, socks, trousers, socks and tights your child no longer needs, which remains in good condition, we would appreciate donations. We would appreciate your support!

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will be starting from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we would like all children to bring their party clothes in a **clearly named carrier bag or school bag (KS2)** so they can change in school. All parties are during the school day. Early Years Foundation Stage pupils (Nursery and Reception) can come to school on Friday wearing their party clothes/Christmas jumpers. Further information for parties will be sent by class teachers.....if they haven't already.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our School Council have requested a Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper!

A donation for the local charity 'Cash for Kids' will be appreciated.

### 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

At this stage as we start the New Year we would like to make you aware that our Year 6, Year 2 and Year 1 statutory assessments will be taking place during May and June 2018.

**Year 6 statutory assessments begin Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May and finish Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Year 2 statutory assessments begin Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May and finish 25<sup>th</sup> May as they are completed in smaller groups**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June**

During this period we also complete our assessments for the rest of the school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards

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