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Dear parent /Carer

**Charity events**

I would like to thank you all for you generosity with today’s Children In Need Day. We have all been in the charitable spirit and the children have had a fantastic day.

Staying in the charitable spirit, we have the Friends Of The School Christmas Fayre coming up on the 1st December. This will be my first experience of the King Street Christmas Fayre and I hear it is magnificent. It is however, only due to the help and donations we receive from yourselves that make it so good. Without the generosity of both gift donations and time we would not be able to offer such a festive event. We will therefore, as in previous years, be requesting donations from the community. On Friday 24th November we will be having a dressing down day – children can come dressed as they please! We do however, request that children bring a donation of chocolate or other suitable gift item such as ‘toiletries/smellies’. On Friday 1st December, we will have a second dress down day and would request that children ‘bring a bottle’. (All donations of alcohol must be handed to the office by an adult).

In addition to these donations, we will also be selling raffle tickets which will be coming come with children this week. There are 2 per child but extras are available if you need them. Please return the stubs and money and any unused tickets by the 30th Nov.  Please feel free to sell these to family, friends and the community you know- all money raised goes back to supporting our children.

I do appreciate that this may appear to be a lot to ask but I also hope that many of you win items when you come to the fayre! I thank you in advance for your generosity.

You may also be aware that Mark Solan from the Solan Connor Fawcett Trust was recently nominated for the pride of Britain Award for the third time. Whilst he did not win the national award he did win the regional award which is fantastic. Mark is currently on route, walking back to Spennymoor from London, averaging 15-18 miles per day. He is due to arrive back in Spennymoor on Saturday 18th November. The Town Council have agreed to a welcome home event for Mark in Spennymoor Town Hall at 12:45. Individuals will be lining the High Street to congratulate Mark and you are invited to join them with your friends and family.

Next week in school, the children will be recognising and celebrating the UNICEF Outright campaign. This raises awareness of refugees and helps understand the difficulties they face. Miss Tait is organising some lovely activities for the children to participate in.

**Sponsored Abseil**

All applicants for the abseil have been allocated a space and the company are now scheduling a times. You should hear very soon when you will be expected to arrive- don’t forget to keep collecting sponsor money- it all helps support our children!

**Safety**

Finally, I mentioned in last week’s newsletter about driving down the side road to drop children off right by the school gates. This week a parent was nearly hit by a car. PLEASE- think about the safety of our children and their families. Consider if you do need to drive down the street to drop children off- there is alternative parking available and many families choose to walk down the street.

If there is anything at all you would like to discuss, or have any comments or thoughts, please contact a member of staff or make an appointment at the office to speak to me. We are here to help you and your child.

Yours sincerely

J Bromley

Head Teacher

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| Wednesday 13th December | 9.30  2.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity  KS2 Christmas Nativity |
| Thursday 14th December | 9.30  2.00 | KS2 Christmas Nativity  EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity |
| Tuesday 19th December | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | 11.00  1.00 – 3.00 | Advent Service at St. Andrew’s  Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 21st December | 1.00 – 3.00 | Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Friday 22nd December | 5.45 | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Friday 2nd February | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Friday 9th February | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | |
| Monday 19th February | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Friday 9th March | 11.30 | Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea |
| Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 23rd March | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | |
| Monday 16th April | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | |
| Monday 4th June | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th July | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |