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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Christmas Fayre**

Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success and the positive comments we have had reflect all the hard work that was put into it. In total it raised £1654.33 that will be used towards supporting the children in our school- we already have a list of things that the children would like!

**Community event**

I have had a lovey request from one of our parents (Laura Calvert) who is keen for King Street Children to engage in a festive community event. Please encourage your children to attend the following:

“I am looking for various aged children who would like to come to Wetherspoons, Spennymoor on Sunday the 17th of December to come and sing some Christmas carols. A maximum of 15 will be chosen. The day starts at 12pm and finishes at 4pm but I was thinking for them to sing songs at about 2pm, and for the children to come in their uniform. I am happy for people to contact me on my mobile phone 07526207871 and I will print off a list of carols to sing prior to the day. Children will receive a small gift for their help in aid of raising money towards the Solan Connor Fawcett charity.”

**Head Lice**

Head lice is rampant at the moment and I would really appreciate (as would many parents) if you can check your child’s hair regularly. The lice must be treated and will not be removed by shampoo alone. If your child has had lice, please wash coats as many have fluffy hoods which is a perfect place for lice to hide!

**School lunches**

We have a number of children who are listed as being on packed Lunch who, for unknown reasons are sometimes having a school dinner. This is causing us a problem as each dinner is allocated based on the number on the register therefore, any unexpected, additional children cause our lunch numbers to be over and Taylor Shaw do not account for additional figures. If you need to move a child to Packed Lunch, please give one week notice. In emergency situations we can accommodate as long as the office know by 9am that day.

**Christmas Lunch reminder**

All requests for a Christmas lunch must be with the office by Monday morning. A letter has already been sent with all the necessary information.

**Panto and Santa**

Our younger children have recently enjoyed a visit to a Pantomime and a visit to Santa at the Town Hall. They returned full of chatter and excitement and are definitely now in the festive mood.

**Nativity Tickets**

The nativity tickets have now all be distributed upon the requests that were made. There are no further tickets now available as the Hall is at full capacity to allow clear viewing and a comfortable space for everyone.

**Nurse drop in sessions**

The school nurse is going to start doing some termly drop in sessions to help parents out with a number of issues or concerns they may have at home. For example, bedtime routines, bed wetting, head lice and fussy eaters. This list is not exhaustive and if you have any concerns whatsoever that you would like to discuss, there will be a private room available on Wednesday 13th December at 9am -11:00am (nativity day). No appointment is needed, please just come along and we will organise for you to see her.

**Party days**

It is nearly party time! All information about parties will be sent home directly from the class teacher. It will give you everything you need to know about clothing and food as each age phase is having slightly different arrangements.

**Updated calendar events**

We will update the calendar with any new events for spring term so keep checking so you know what is on.

**Abseil at Stockton Transporter Bridge**

I would like to wish all the Y6 children and their families who are abseiling from the Transporter Bridge on Sunday the best of luck- I think many of them will be running on nervous energy but I am sure they will feel great afterwards!

**Christmas Jumper Day -15th December**

It is officially Christmas jumper day next Friday in aid of Save the Children. We are going to be doing the Christmas jumpers for the event but we are not opening a Just Giving page. Therefore, any donations you would like to make to the cause should be made directly to them through their own website. I do not want anyone to rush out and buy a Christmas jumper just for the day so adding a touch of tinsel to an existing garment is absolutely fine- it’s the Christmas cheer that counts.

With only 2 weeks to go until the end of term I am sure you can feel the excitement in the children- we will be doing some lovely Christmas activities over the next 2 weeks and the parties too so we should finish off the year in good spirits.

As always, if there is anything else you would like to raise, any comments or queries, please contact me or speak to your child’s teacher.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Bromley

****Dates for Academic Year 2017-18

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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 |