

4th December 2018



Dear Parents / Guardians

We have lots of exciting activities happening during the last few weeks of term for the children to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas. Please see details below;

Tomorrow, Years 3, 4 & 6 will be watching the dress rehearsal for the FS2 Christmas Performance and FS1, KS1 & Y5 will be watching on Thursday 6th December.

On Thursday 6th December, 6pm - 8pm, some of our Y5/6 children will be running stalls at the Vale of York Academy Christmas Fair as they take part in "Santa's Apprentice".

On Friday 7th December, **Y4** will be taking part in some creative workshops at Vale of York Academy.

On Friday 7th, Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th December at 2.15pm, our **FS2** parents will be coming to watch their children in their performance of "The Wiggly Nativity". Following each performance we will be collecting donations to go towards the NSPCC, Just gifts (gifts to tackle poverty and injustice around the world) and new resources for School.

On Monday 10th December, FS, Y1 & Y3 will be watching the dress rehearsal for the Y2 Christmas Performance and Y4, 5 & 6 will be watching on Tuesday 11th December.

On Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December at 2.15pm, our **Y2** parents will be coming to watch their children in their performance of "Straw and Order". Following each performance we will be collecting donations to go towards the NSPCC, Just gifts (gifts to tackle poverty and injustice around the world) and new resources for School.

On Wednesday 12th December some of our Y5/6 children will be joining other primary schools in the Pathfinder Academy at the Archbishop Holgate School Carol Service at the York Minster at 7.30pm.

On Thursday 13th December, **FS2** will be having Christingle in the morning. Please can we ask each child to bring in an orange on this day (tennis ball size please).

On Monday 17th December at 3.10pm - 4.30pm our school choir and drama club will be performing to parents and neighbours of our school.

Tuesday 18th December is Christmas Craft day. We would ask children to bring with them a protective apron or old shirt and a named carrier bag to bring home the crafts they will have made.

Also on Tuesday 18th December is our **LKS2** Christmas Disco from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Children in LKS2 should leave school at 3.20pm as usual then return "ready to party" at 4.30pm.

Wednesday 20th December is a very busy day!

KS1 will be having Christingle in the morning. Please can we ask each child to bring in an orange on this day (tennis ball size please).

Then we will be holding our whole school Christmas Lunch. We will once again be inviting children to wear a **Christmas Jumper** in place of their usual school sweatshirt/cardigan. If your child does not have one please don't buy one especially, feel free to decorate one they already have with tinsel etc. With the exception of the jumper children should wear their usual school uniform.

In the afternoon **FS2** have their Christmas Party.

At 3.10 - 4pm, **KS1** will be having their Christmas Disco. Please can children bring their party clothes to change into at the end of the school day. These should be in a carrier bag clearly marked with your child's name & learning group.

Then at 4.30pm - 5.30pm **UKS2** will be having their disco. Children in UKS2 should leave school at 3.20pm as usual then return "ready to party" at 4.30pm.

Thursday 20th December is our "CwR at the movies" afternoon. There will be a selection of films for children to choose from that will be hosted in various areas of the school. Please see the film choices below along with their film guidance rating; (FS1 will have their own movie day in the unit)

Polar Express (U)	The Greatest Showman (PG)	Sing (PG)
Nativity (U)	Frozen (PG)	ELF (PG)
The Grinch (PG)	A Christmas Carol (PG) - Jim Carrey Version	Arthur Christmas (U)

Children will be asked in school to make their choice of film, however if there is a particular film that you would prefer your child not to watch please contact the school office at admin@cw.r.pmat.academy or by phone on 01904 555230.

On the afternoon of Friday 21st December the children will be finishing the term with Carols round the tree.

As Christmas events are Enrichment activities there will be a cost of £2 per child which will be paid from contributions collected at the beginning of the school year. This charge covers the Disco, including a drink and a snack for each child and the resources needed for Christmas Craft Day.

Post boxes are available in each phase for the distribution of Christmas cards. Children are requested to put full names and learning groups on the cards to ease with distribution.

School closes at the usual time of 3.10pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors on Friday 21st December.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Best wishes

Andy Herbert
Headteacher

Merry Christmas

