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## **School Newsletter 6- December 2015**

### **Attendance Update**

This year, the government has reduced the amount of time a child can be absent from school from 15% to 10%. This means that any child whose attendance falls below 90% will now be classed as a 'persistent absentee'. The information about such children is being monitored very carefully both within school and by external agencies. If your child's attendance falls between 93% and 90%, we will monitor their level of absence in order to ensure they do not become a persistent absentee. A meeting will be arranged, if a child's attendance falls below 90% and it fails to improve after initial contact has been made. In some cases it may be necessary to put a support plan in place where a referral to the Children and Families Prevention Service can be arranged.

Please speak to the school office if you would like further advice about recommended absence times for illnesses. It is important that your child returns to school as soon as possible following absence. Please ensure that non-urgent medical/dental appointments are made out of school time wherever possible.

In order to support parents, we are reviewing our medical policy which will mean we can administer certain medications in school. Further information about this will be provided in the next newsletter. The majority of our children have excellent attendance and we will continue to recognise this half termly in our celebration assemblies.

### **Christmas Fair- 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Thank you for the extremely generous donations that you kindly sent in to school last week. The Christmas fair will take place next Monday after school. There will be lots to see and do including a tombola, local crafts and gifts, craft making area, lucky dip, cake stall and a secret room where presents for grown-ups can be purchased. Please feel free to bring friends and family along too.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



### **Christmas Performances**

Please ensure you have returned your ticket requests to the school office. We will initially allocate two tickets per family for each performance but will do our best to accommodate surplus requests. The evening performances are always popular and therefore tickets for these shows are limited.

### **Winter Clothes**

Now the weather is getting colder, please remember to send your child with a suitable, waterproof and warm winter coat.

**We try to stay outdoors  
in all weathers!**



## Stay and Read Session

Our parent reading session last Monday was extremely well attended. Thank you to everyone who came along. We hope you found the paired reading information useful. Remember to try this strategy when you are reading with your child at home. If you were unable to attend the session but would like more information about this, pop in to see Mrs Hockley who can provide you with an information booklet. We plan to run these sessions half termly in order to promote enjoyment of reading at home and in school.



## Support at Christmas

The Salvation Army recognise the financial strain that Christmas can bring and are able to ease the burden by offering free gifts for children. If you would like more information about this, please pop in to see me. Alternatively, this can be done in confidence by contacting Paula Haylett at the Salvation Army.

Tel: 01757 702629

Email: paula.haylett@salvationarmy.org.uk

## Christingle Service at Selby Abbey

Thank you for the many Christingle collections that have already been sent back to school. The children can take their collection box along to the Christingle Service next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm where they will receive a special candle. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the service you can return the box to school by Thursday this week so that we can pass on any donations to the Abbey.



## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Christmas crafts in school-KS2 3.00- 5.00pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Jupiter class open morning at 9.00am
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas fair
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas performance:- 10.00am
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 afternoon pantomime:- 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 evening performance:- 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas performance- 9.15am
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 afternoon performance:- 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 evening performance:- 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Party day and Christmas lunch
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Forest school starts In Saturn
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	York St John student teachers start placements in Venus and Jupiter
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Saturn class assembly
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	ChildLine Assembly
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mars class open morning at 9.00am
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Year 5/6 ChildLine workshop
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jupiter class assembly
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School closes for half term

## Parent Views

We will be sending home a parent questionnaire later on this week. Please let us know what we are doing well and anything we can do to make the school even better. Your views are extremely important to us.