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## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER (PART 1) FOR PARENTS & CARERS 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

With so much happening this half term, and particularly during our last two weeks before Christmas, I thought it best to send our Christmas newsletter out in two parts! We are really looking forward to sharing our Christmas Shows with you this week and the children are very excited about sharing these with a live audience this year. It has been lovely to hear them singing Christmas songs and getting into the spirit of this special time of year.

You will find below information about some other events this half term plus some dates and reminders for next term.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle,

Headteacher

### Theatre Visits



Year 2 and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their recent visits to the Sunderland Empire. Year 2 were greatly entertained by 'Gangsta Granny' and their behaviour as the youngest class there was superb. They particularly enjoyed the 'Strictly Come Dancing' section!



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Year 4 were enthralled by the story telling, music, costumes and set design in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Their behaviour was also superb.

We are very pleased to have been able to re-introduce Theatre visits and Year 6 will see 'Billionaire Boy' next May. Theatre visits will take place annually now in Years 2, 4 and 6, meaning that children will experience the magic of the theatre at least every two years.

### **Salvation Army Toy Appeal**



A fabulous response to our appeal yet again! Thank you so much if you were able to contribute. The Salvation Army collected these on Friday and will work to distribute the toys to children in our local area.

### **Ouston Book Fair**

As we know how much our children love to read, we are holding our own mini-book fair next week. Mr Storrar will send a separate letter to you all with details about this. Books will cost £1 each and children will receive a special bookmark too.

### **Farewell to Ms Franklin**

As you know, we said goodbye to Ms Franklin after many years working with Nursery children in Ouston, initially for a local provider and then as part of our Nursery class. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the very best in her new career. She was very touched by the presents, cards and good wishes from so many of you and the Nursery children greatly enjoyed the little farewell party in their class!

### **School Governor**

We are so pleased to have four strong candidates for our two parent governor vacancies. Ballot papers are now all in and we will be counting these this week. Many thanks for the excellent support with the ballot from parents/carers also. I will inform parents/carers of the outcome of the ballot in the second part of the newsletter next week



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## PE Uniform

**Just to let you know that we will be monitoring PE uniform closely from January.** As children now come to school in PE kit, it is even more important that children wear the correct clothing. This ensures that children look smart and that children do not feel disadvantaged if they don't have the latest/most popular/ most expensive brand of clothing etc, which I have noticed starting to creep in. It is also important that children learn to follow rules and expectations rather than feeling they can wear what they want for school. Our PE uniform is very simple and accessible and items can be purchased at most supermarkets at a basic cost. We do have PE t-shirts with the school logo but children do not need to wear these, any white t- shirt will do. From our return in January then, PE uniform should be as follows:

White T-Shirt, black shorts or joggers, black school jumper/cardigan or a plain black hoody, socks and trainers/plimsolls

Many thanks for your support with this

## Christmas Lunch



We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Lunch last Friday! It was lovely to see children in their Christmas tops, Santa hats, headbands etc singing along to Christmas songs as they ate their lunch.

A big thank you as always to our fantastic team in the school kitchen. We were particularly impressed by the biscuits!

## Dates for the Diary

17<sup>th</sup> December: End of term

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Children return to school (Teacher Training Day on 4<sup>th</sup> January)

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022: End of half term



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