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## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's not long until Christmas, please see events below for the last remaining festivities. Thank you for your generous donations towards: Salvation Army, Swap Shop and Foodbank items.

I also wanted to take the time to share some sad news for us but some exciting news for one of our members of staff. Craig has been successful in gaining new employment at Derwentside College and he will begin his new post next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Craig has been with us for the past 5 years managing our network as well as doing too many other jobs to mention! We will really miss Craig being with us at The Grove Primary School but we wish him every success in his new adventure.

Good luck Craig in all that you do!



Bernadette

### Events until Christmas

We've got a busy last two weeks leading up to Christmas 🎄...

🎄 Wednesday 11th whole school at Pantomime: Snow White and the 7 Dwarves

👤 Monday 16th December Year 1 and 2 Nativity: Prickly Hay at 9:30am (tickets needed). Parents can enter via hall doors once children have been dropped off.

📅 Monday 16th December Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party (normal school pick up times)

📅 Tuesday 17th December Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party (normal school pick up times)

📅 Tuesday 17th December Early Years Party (all Nursery children to attend at 1pm/30 hours children will remain the same)

🍽️ Wednesday 18th School Christmas dinner (children can wear Christmas jumpers)

📅 Thursday 19th Big Bounce Breakfast (free to all children from 8am)

📅 Friday 20th December Break up for Christmas (school will re-open Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

**We hope all of our families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

### Foodbank request

From Monday, we have been collecting donations for Consett Foodbank. They are a wonderful resource that some of our families need to access from time to time so we would love to help them further by increasing their stock. If you have any: spare tins, pasta, biscuits, toiletries or other non-perishables, please send them into school and they will be collected by Rachel C. Many thanks!

## Clubs

Please remember that there are no Enrichment Clubs next week. Jan and Tina will continue to run our After School Club from 3-5pm at a cost of £2 per hour. The last day for this service is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

We are hoping to send our list of Enrichment Clubs for Spring term out, next week so watch this space!

## Uniform

We have noticed that there are a number of children not in school shoes. Please remember that each child should be sent to school in black shoes and not trainers. Can I remind parents that we do not permit children to wear jewellery (including earrings) to school? Thank you for your continued support.

## Swap Shop on the move!

We have moved our swap shop downstairs so it is more accessible for parents. A lot of our coats and uniform have been 're homed'. We have also devised a slip which lets us know what you need or are looking for, if you are unable to come into school. Your child can get one from Rachel C or the office and we will pack the clothes up for you and send them home with your child (as long as we have them in stock).

The Swap Shop will be in the hall this Friday from 2.45pm until the end of the school day - so feel free to come in and have a browse. This is a really useful initiative that we want everyone to make the most of. Any questions or queries, please speak to Rachel C.

## A little bit more information...

Next week, there are lots of events leading up to the Christmas holidays which children as well as staff are looking forward to.

### Christmas Parties...

Children are permitted to come to school in their party clothes on their party day (Monday- Year 1,2 and 3 Tuesday- Year 4/5/6 and Wednesday- Nursery and Reception). They will be going outside, as usual, during playtime and lunch time so children will have to choose carefully whether to access the grassy areas. We would ask that children do not wear any jewellery to parties and would also ask that girls wear flat shoes. This will be instead of a non- uniform day next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Dinner...

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, children can wear their Christmas jumper. This in place of Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like to ask parents still to make a small donation to Save the Children via Parentpay instead of a non- uniform donation which would usually go to our School Fund.

### Just to say...

I am incredibly proud of all of the children and their participation in all of the Christmas events that have been held so far. The children have performed with confidence and more importantly with a smile on their face. We are privileged to have such talented children and therefore try to offer them as many opportunities as possible while always considering the cost of the school day for parents. Thank you also to you, as parents and also our governors too, for your questions, comments and continuous support.

I am also immensely proud of the staff who work, day in day out, going above and beyond for the children in their care. It is a privilege and an honour to work with such a wealth of skill and talent. I hope that each and every member of staff all have a chance to rest and recover and that 2020 is a prosperous year for us all.