



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

This Christmas, we would like to support the work of local charities, *The Salvation Army* and *Tynedale Food Bank*, and we are asking for any donations for Advent Boxes to be made up which will be shared out to each charity. Donations can be brought into school and the following items would be much appreciated by both charities; toiletries, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath and shower gels, toilet rolls, tissues and facial wipes. Please can any donations be brought to school by Monday 18th December. Thank you.

PANTOMIME

The PTA have arranged for a theatre group to give a live performance in school of *Scarlett's Secret Snowglobe*. We are all looking forward to this show which will be held on Monday 11th December from 3:15 to 5:30pm. If you have not got your tickets yet, then you can hand your money in to the school office along with your ticket request slip.

PRE-SCHOOL RECIPE BOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Children and families from pre school and school have put together a recipe book full of delicious dishes to raise money to support the Pre school. These would make a lovely Christmas Gift or treat yourself and try out one of their recipes! Cost per book is £5 and these can be purchased from the school office. Pre School wish to Thank You for your support!

CAROL SINGING @ PARISH HALL

Please note change of date! This event will now be held on Friday 15th December at a time to be arranged at the Parish Hall Cafe. All parents are welcome to join us there for carols.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there will be no school clubs w/c Monday 18th December.

NATIVITY We are holding two performances of our Nativity on **Tuesday 19th December**. The first will be at 2.30pm and the second at 5.30pm - both in St James's Church. **All children will need to be back in school by 5.00pm on Tuesday afternoon**. I am sure that some parents will want to video this for their own personal use. **If there are any parents who have objections to this, please can you let me know as soon as possible, as I will have to inform everyone.**



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CAROL SINGING AT WENTWORTH GRANGE

Years 3 & 4 will be walking to Wentworth Grange in the afternoon on Wednesday 20th December, and will be singing carols for the residents.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Wednesday 20th December - Reception, Years 1 & 2

Thursday 21st December - Years 3 & 4

The children are to wear their school uniform to school and will then get changed into their party clothes after lunch. (Party clothes can be brought in the morning of, along with any party food). **Party Food** - As usual we would be grateful for contributions towards the pool of party food. We would suggest, boys - sweet; girls - savoury. We will supply a drink. **No nuts or chocolate spread please due to allergies.**

ST JAMES CRIB SERVICE - Sunday 24th December 4pm

All children and families are invited to the crib service on Christmas Eve in Church. Children are invited to dress up as one of the participants in the Christmas Story, Angels, Shepherds, Kings etc. Empty gifts bags will be given out to all children in school next week and we ask that the bag has a small gift put in such as play dough, crayons, cars etc. These will be given to refugee children in Newcastle. The bags should be taken to the Christmas Eve Service.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Contributions for the Poppy Appeal was £71.40 which was gratefully received. Thank you for all your support.

DECEMBER	
Monday 11 th	PTA - Pantomime 3:15 - 5:30pm
Wednesday 13 th	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th	Carols at the Parish Hall
Sunday 17 th	Christingle 2:30pm Workshop Millennium Hall 4:00pm Service St James Church
Monday 18 th	Whole school walk to Bluebell Woods
Tuesday 19 th	Nativity at St James Church 2:30pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 20 th	Years 3 & 4 Singing at Wentworth Grange pm Christmas Party Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Party Year 3 & 4
Friday 22 nd	School Breaks up for Christmas
Sunday 24 th	4pm St James Church Crib Service
Tuesday 9 th January	School Reassembles

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SCHOOL BREAKS UP: Friday 22nd December 2017
and will reassemble on Tuesday 9th January 2018

Please see our winter weather message below

WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

In snowy or inclement weather we suggest that you always assume school is open and that the decision for individual families to travel will be entirely up to them. In poor conditions, parents may want to delay setting out until road conditions improve and early morning traffic has cleared. However please inform the school if this is the case so that we know for morning registration.

If it is not possible to open the school Ms Stephenson will:

- Contact NCC who will post the closure on their website
- Contact Radio Newcastle (95.4FM) to inform them of the closure
- Update the school website with closure information

If snowy conditions persist through the day, we will take advantage of the weather and playtimes may offer an opportunity for sledging! Please send in appropriate clothing for the children so they can stay warm. Sledges may be left in the playground.

Bad Weather during the Day:

We will monitor the weather with the Met Office website so that any severe weather warnings or alerts can be responded to. We will advise parents of deteriorating weather conditions during the day via email as our emergency alert scheme. Any parent not on email will be contacted by telephone. We will also endeavour to place an alert on the school website.