



### **Festive Fun!**

I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who was able to make our Christmas Family Learning Day this week. I was blown away by the amount of parents and family members that attended; this makes it really special for the children, so thank you again. A lot of the work done on the day will be going up on display around the school and the craft items that were made will be on sale at our Christmas Fayre this weekend.

Talking of Christmas, it is starting to get very festive at school with decorations going up around the school and with our Christmas tree up in the hall! Thank you to Crane's Tree Nurseries for your annual Christmas tree donation!

It has been great seeing all the children so excited when they practise their Christmas performances. All of this festive fun is really starting to make it feel like Christmas and we have not even opened day 1 on our advent calendars yet!

Mr Khan 😊

### **Staff Updates**

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs White on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December as this will be the last day before she goes on her maternity leave! We are all very excited for Mrs White and her family having a new member joining them soon 😊

For the rest of this term until we break up, Mrs Swann and Mrs Woodall will be supporting Mrs Poynton in Ladybirds class. After Christmas we will have a new member of staff in Mrs White's place – we will keep you updated with this.

Unfortunately Miss Birks remains unwell so Miss James will continue to teach Butterflies class.

We also would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Broughton, our newly appointed governor!

### **School Performances**

Further information about the school performances will be going home with children over the next couple of days. This will include 3 tickets per family and collection slips. Please read all of the information on this carefully. We can only accommodate 3 guests per family of children performing, due to our hall capacity and health & safety regulations surrounding this. As we do not charge for tickets, there will be a collection on the day supporting a number of local charities. They are: Nelson's Journey, Norfolk & Norwich Cancer Unit, Let's Do It Anyway, East Anglia's Children's Hospices, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Autism Anglia. The takings will be split equally amongst these charities. Thank you for your support with this.

### **School Website**

We are continually looking at ways to improve our website which has recently had a refresh. On the homepage there is a useful calendar with all the key dates for the current term on it. This can be particularly useful if you quickly want to check important dates (e.g. Christmas Fayre, Family Learning Day etc.) without having to dig through previous newsletters.

We are also researching a downloadable app which parents / carers can get on their smartphones which links to our website and enables us to give you direct notifications and updates. So watch this space!

### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas Dinner day will soon be upon us on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please can you ensure the £2.30 cost of the meal is paid by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, this applies to KS2 children only – thank you!





### After School Clubs

Next week is the last week of after school clubs before the end of term. So from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, there will be no after school clubs until we are back to school after Christmas. Therefore children will need collecting at 3pm.

### Important Dates

<u>Key Dates for December 2018:</u>	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Christmas Fayre 1 - 3pm
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production (Reception – Y2)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Christmas Production (Y3 – Y6)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Sleeping Beauty Panto (for children) in school
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Service at Buxton Church 2 – 3pm Last day of term
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of Christmas Holidays
<b>Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>First day back after Christmas holidays</b>

### Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 1-3pm**

This is a wonderful annual event enjoyed by the whole community. We have Santa visiting, lots of items to buy (some made by the children during the Family Learning Day), refreshments, tombola, games – and the **GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW!!! £50 FIRST PRIZE**

**Raffle tickets will be sent home this week**

Please remember that we need donations of the Following to make the fayre a success:

- Raffle prizes: do you work for a company that may donate a raffle prize to our draw – you do not know until you ask!
- Items for the tombola (tins/jars/bottles)

Remember the PTFA is a charitable, non-profit making organisation – every penny raised goes to benefit our children in our school!!

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE REMINDERS

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Ladybirds/Butterflies/Grasshoppers**  
**Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm**  
**Evening Show 5pm**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Key Stage 2**  
**Dress Rehearsal 1.15pm**  
**Evening Show 6pm**

Children will watch the dress rehearsals in school – no children will be permitted to the evening shows. A crèche for siblings will be provided free of charge – no pre-schoolers or babies please.

There will be no charge for tickets but donations to charity will be collected after the shows

We will be sending more information home this week along with tickets. Please save the dates!!

