



Christmas around the corner...

What a fantastically busy yet great couple of weeks we have had! Our Family Learning Day was a great success with over 200 people attending over the day; thank you for your support with this as it makes the children's learning meaningful and extra special.

Following the success of the Family Learning Day we had a great turnout for the Christmas Fayre. We were very lucky to be provided with many generous tombola and raffle prizes; I would like to give a **HUGE** thanks to everyone who donated the prizes and a give **special** thanks to our amazing PTFA who helped make the event so successful. Over **£2000** was raised on the day!

As we approach the end of term, I would like to give a big thank you to all the children, staff, parents and carers for all of the hard work, effort and support you put into making the school such a success.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year break!

Mr Khan ☺

Staff Updates

I am pleased to announce that we will have Miss Hayley Wood joining us next half term in Ladybirds class to work alongside Mrs Poynton. Miss Wood has already been in to meet the class and work with Mrs Poynton to ensure a smooth start in the New Year.

We wish Mrs White all the best on her maternity leave ☺

We also welcome Mrs Jan Cuss to our team. Mrs Cuss will be joining us as the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo). She is vastly experienced in this area and we are very excited to have her join us and provide her

expertise to the school. Mrs Cuss will be at school for one day a week from January.

School Performances DVDs

The school performances last week proved to be a huge success. All of the children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs in order to deliver such a confident and marvellous performance. The costumes were absolutely fantastic! Thank you to everyone who supported with the performances and well done to Mrs Stops for writing the amazing 'Be Yourself' script for Key stage 2!

We have a number of DVDs of the performance pre-ordered which will be ready to go home with your child before the end of term. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD, you can do so for the price of £5 by the end of this week.

The DVD is copyright protected and should not be shared via social media.

Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Service

Next week, on the final day of term (Tuesday 18th December) we have the Christmas Service at Buxton Church at 2pm. The children have been learning songs which they will be singing during the service so come along and enjoy!

After the service, the children will return to school to collect all of their belongings (including PE Kits) and can then be collected for hometime.

Christmas Dinner Day

REMINDER: Christmas Dinner day will soon be upon us on Monday 17th December. Please can you ensure the £2.30 cost of the meal is paid by Friday 14th December – thank you!





Parking

Over the last few weeks we have had lots of events on at school which causes inevitable congestion in the village. Due to the number of children we have at the school being at its highest, the congestion has somewhat increased over the last couple of years which has caused some issues for local residents. This is a common problem in residential areas surrounding schools.

Please can I urge where possible for children & parent/carers in the village to walk to school or car share where possible. I do understand this is not always possible.

During drop off and pick up times, I urge you **not** to park on street corners as this can obstruct the vision of crossing pedestrians. Also please be mindful not to block residents' driveways (even for short periods of time). This is by no means something I am able to enforce, I only ask this to protect the safety of our children, which is paramount and to consider the local residents' needs. Thank you for your support.

Bus Slips

Please can parents/carers make sure bus slips are filled in and given to the class teacher on Monday for the current week. If you have more than once child please make sure each child has one for their teacher (unless they are in the same class). This saves significant time and any possible confusion for teachers and the office. Of course if there is the rare occasion when a phonecall is needed to notify us that your child needs to go home on the bus unplanned, this is fine. Thank you!

St Martins

We are collecting this Christmas for St Martins in Norwich. In previous years we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents with the gifts we have received at this time of year. We feel we would like to give something back to the local community and help those in greater need. If you feel you wish to thank staff with a gift, then we are kindly asking for donations to this charity instead.

Important Dates

<u>Key Dates for December 2018:</u>	
Monday 17th	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 18th	Christmas Service at Buxton Church 2 – 3pm Last day of term
Wednesday 19th	First day of Christmas Holidays

<u>Key Dates for January 2019:</u>	
Thursday 3rd January	Back to School Club letters home this week
Monday 14th	Clubs Start
Tuesday 22nd	ESKA Karate morning Yr 3-6
Thursday 24th	ESKA Karate morning Yr R-2

