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Christmas Organisation

I know it may seem early, but I would like to give you information and dates about what is going on in December in school up to Christmas time. We will update information via our website and social media too.

Thursday 1st	All day	Shoebox Appeal deadline	To be delivered to the school office
Friday 2nd	All day	Santa's Swap Shop	Toy donations gratefully accepted
Monday 5th	All day	Spare KS1 Nativity tickets	Available from the school office
Wednesday 7th	6 - 7pm	The Big Sing (choir)	St Matthew's Church
Thursday 8th	2.15 - 3.15pm	Reception stay and play	One adult only
Friday 9th	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Movie Night	
Tuesday 13th	9.15am	KS2 Nativity	Performance 1
	5.30pm	KS2 Nativity	Performance 2
Wednesday 14th	1pm	Years 1 and 2 party	£1 donation
Thursday 15th	1pm	Years 3 and 4 party	
Friday 16th	10.30am	Nursery Nativity	In Church
	1pm	Years 5 and 6 party	
Monday 19th	9am	Nursery party	
Tuesday 20th	2.15pm	Reception Singalong	
Wednesday 21st	1pm	Reception party	
	5 - 6pm	Carols by Candlelight	
Thursday 22nd	All day	Christmas Jumper Day	Free event
	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch	To be booked and paid on ParentPay
Friday 23rd	9.15am	KS2 Gold Book	

Years 1 and 2 Nativity

Years 1 and 2 will be performing the Christmas Nativity again this year. There will be two performances. Information regarding tickets will be shared separately.

Nursery Nativity

Nursery children will be performing their nativity in Church. I hope everyone has their tissues ready!

Christmas parties

Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. They can bring a change of clothes if you prefer but are not allowed to go home to get changed. This year we will be providing the party food and a drink. We ask for a donation of £1 per child, payable on ParentPay. We feel this is much easier and would not produce as much waste.

Christmas Movie Night

This year we will be having Movie Night straight from school and children should be collected at 5.30pm. The movie for Reception/KS1 will be shown in the hall. The movie for KS2 will be shown in classrooms. Children will be provided with a hotdog, a cookie and a drink. Tickets cost £2 per child and are to be paid on ParentPay.

Big Sing

Members of our School Choir will take part in the 'Big Sing', which is a cluster Carol Service held at St Matthew's Church. We are asking parents to take their child and arrive by 4pm at the Church for rehearsals. A snack will be provided for the children. The event starts at 6pm and children are to be collected at 7pm (information on collection will be shared once we receive this). There are no tickets for this event but space is limited to 2 people per child.

Reception Singalong

The children from Reception will be having a singalong for parents, grandparents and anyone who would like to come along! They will be singing a wide range of Christmas favourites and expect EVERYONE to join in! If the weather is fine, we will be hosting this in the Secret Garden. If not, this will be in the school hall.

Reception Stay and Play

During this session you will be invited to create a Christmas Craft with your child that you may take home and proudly display and have an opportunity to look at the work in their learning folders and Writing Books. If you are unable to attend, then please feel free to send along another familiar adult to represent and work with your child. Alternatively, if they have a sibling who is in Year 5 or 6, they could come and work with the child. Due to space restrictions, we ask that only one adult attends this session as it will take place within our classroom environment.

Santa's Swap Shop

The School Council children have had a great idea. They have organised a toy swap shop where children will bring in an old toy that they don't use anymore and they can swap it for another. You can of course send in more than one toy which will help all children to be able to take a toy home. Any toys that are left over will go to Hebburn Helps for other children.

Christmas Jumper Day

Instead of sweatshirts and cardigans, children and staff are invited to wear their loudest Christmas jumper for the day! This is a free event this year.

Christmas Lunch

All Reception/KS1 will receive a Christmas lunch free of charge on Thursday 22nd December. If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and on school dinners they will also receive a Christmas lunch which will be charged to their Parentpay account. If your child is usually on packed lunches but would like a Christmas lunch, please book this on ParentPay. The payment should then be made on the school meals section in the usual way. The charge is £2.10. The cook needs to know how many to cater for so please remember to book on the Christmas Lunch payment item by the deadline of Friday 16th December. It is not enough to simply pay on the school meals item. If you are unsure in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. You do not need to pay if your child is entitled to free school meals but you must still book it on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Craig
Headteacher

