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### Upcoming events

**Monday 19th December**

Nursery Christmas party

9.00-11.30am

Y5 swimming cancelled

**Tuesday 20th December**

Reception 'Singalong' 2.15pm

**Wednesday 21st December**

Reception Christmas party pm

Carols by Candlelight in

Church 5.00pm

**Thursday 22nd December**

Christmas Jumper Day

Choir singing at Viking Centre

10.30am

Christmas lunch

**Friday 23rd December**

Gold Book Assembly (KS2)

9.15am

Christmas Stories with Mr

Craig pm

School breaks up for Christmas

**Monday 9th January**

Staff INSET Day

**Tuesday 10th January**

Pupils back to school

### Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all trying to keep warm in these freezing conditions! Thank you to Ms James for keeping us all safe in these conditions. I am sure you appreciate how the paths are always clear for you in the mornings. The end of a VERY busy half term is in sight!

### Family Learning

Detailed information regarding the Spring term Family Learning sessions will be shared after the New Year. However, following the survey kindly completed by many parents, the most popular choices for standalone sessions were:

- *Confidence and self esteem*
- *Cooking on a budget*
- *Story time*

We will then commence an 8 week programme on *mental wellbeing*.

### Christmas Raffle

Are you ready for St Joseph's Christmas raffle? We have lots of great prizes for all ages, including this wonderful sweet hamper (created by our very own Willy Wonka...also known as Mrs Arthur!) The children have seen the hamper today and will be hassling you relentlessly for a ticket! Link [here](#)



### Sweets 'n' Treats

We have already received numerous delicious donations for our School Council 'Sweets 'n' Treats' event. We will be passing the gifts onto Hebburn Helps on Wednesday, 21st December, so any kind donations must be in by then. Further details are below. We are so proud of our School Councillors who have these amazing and kind thoughts.

### Carols by Candlelight

This will take place in Church at 5pm on Wednesday 21st December. All pupils in Key Stage 2 will take part in this service, with all families, including our younger pupils, invited along. The service is a very special occasion, one which you won't want to miss. Key Stage 2 pupils will receive a candle during the service, but if you would like to bring your own, please do. This is a non-ticketed event and all are invited. The pupils with roles in the service need to be in church for 15 minutes before the start. We hope to see you there

### Winter Poems

Thank you to all those children, parents and staff who sent us their winter poems. Well done to the children's winners Leyna Y3, Alice Y2 and Heidi Y5. The adult winner is Sarah Mackay and the staff winner is Mrs Toward! Your book vouchers are on their way to you. Congratulations! If you would like to read the poems please click on this link. We plan to do another writing competition later in the year. [Winter Poems](#)

### Festive Entertainment at The Viking Centre

The Choir will be singing at The Viking Centre at 10.30am on Thursday 22nd December. We would love it if you could come along to support them.

### **Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day**

This is on Thursday 22nd December. Remember to wear your Christmas jumpers. There is no need to send any money for wearing a jumper, as this year, it is a free event.

Please book a Christmas lunch on ParentPay if your child is usually packed lunches but they would like a Christmas dinner on this day. You will need to select the payment item for Christmas Dinners.

### **Gold Book Assembly**

KS2 Gold Book is at 9.15am on Friday 23d December.

### **Reading**

To celebrate 50 years of the classic book, The Snowman by Raymond Briggs, there is a competition to win books, a teddy and a £50 voucher. To enter, please click on the link [Win Raymond Briggs' The Snowman and the Snowdog plus a £50/€50 National Book Token](#)

### **Christmas Gift Swap**

Thank you to everyone who sent in gifts with their child. All children received a gift, with all of the 'extras' being donated to South Tyneside Women's Aid

### **After School Clubs**

Remember that there are no after school clubs next week. They will start again in the New Year.

### **Swimming**

There is no swimming next week for Year 5. After Christmas, it will be the turn of Year 4 starting on Monday 16 January. Please complete the Google consent form if you haven't already done so or contact the school office.

### **Breakfast Club**

From 10th January 2023 there will be a new procedure for booking Breakfast Club. You will need to book on ParentPay and select the dates you need. You will not be able to book a place before making payment. You must still book in advance. If you have not booked in this way, your child will not be able to attend. If you have more than one child you will need to select from the drop down menu either Breakfast Club or Breakfast Club Sibling to ensure that you qualify for the sibling discount.

Please do not send booking forms by email as they will no longer be accepted.

### **Milk**

Please remember to book milk for your child for next term on ParentPay. We will be sending the order to the dairy on Monday.

Take care,  
Mr P Craig  
Headteacher

