# **Autumn Update**

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As we already half way through the first half term this newsletter is just to give you a few updates on what is happening over school for the remainder of the term and about a few changes that have taken place so far since September.

# HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Following national and local policy we do not permit holidays during the school term except for exceptional circumstances. Please support us in giving your children the very best education possible by sending your child to school during term time. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days of school holidays. If you do take your child on holiday during term time without authorisation, then you will be at risk of receiving a Fixed Term Penalty Notice.

We will regularly hold rewards for children who attend school every day. This half term we will be holding a special competition with the winner receiving a £30 Asda voucher.

All you have to do is **make sure your child is in school on Thursday 4**<sup>th</sup> **October**. All children in school that day will be entered into the completion held in our attendance assembly that day.

# **HOMEWORK**

All of our homework is now completed online. This prepares the children for the ICT skills they need for secondary school and is hopefully fun for them. However, due to GDPR reasons we must first have consent. We ask everyone to complete the proforma attached with this newsletter to allow this to happen.



#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### Friday 5th October

Class 12 assembly

#### **Thursday 18th October**

Harvest Festival KS1 + KS2 2pm

#### Friday 19th October

Harvest Festival EYFS (including reception) 11am + 2pm

### **Reception intake:**

If your child turns five between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 then you need to apply for a school place (for whichever school that may be) at:

http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications need to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Please note applications MUST be made online school cannot accept paper copies.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Obviously the second half of the Autumn term is always very busy in the run up to Christmas. Please find below some of the important dates for your calendars for the next half term.

| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December | KS2 Christmas concert in church 2.00           |
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| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | KS1 Christmas concert in hall 2.00             |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December    | EYFS Christmas concert in nursery 11.00 + 2.00 |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 1+2 party                                 |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 3 + 4 party                               |
| Wednesday 19th December             | Year 5+6 / EYFS party                          |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Fayre                                |
| Friday 21st December                | Last day of term                               |

As always if you have questions or concerns with school they can be addressed in a number of ways.

Class teachers are usually happy to help at the end of the day. It is not possible for them to speak at the start of the day as they need to see the children in.

Our pastoral team are available throughout the day and always aim to speak to parents immediately or at least by the end of the day.

Appointments can be made via the school office to speak to the acting head or a member of the SLT and we always aim to deal with these as quickly as possible.



# **Reading:**

All children now should be coming home with their reading book and reading journal. We ask if you can listen to your child read at home at least three times a week and sign their diary. Reading is such an important skill but needs to be practised regularly.

We also need volunteers in school to listen to children read, if you would like to do this then please contact Tara.