

Dear Parents and Carers,

19th December 2022



Just a few quick reminders and updates before we break up for Christmas at the end of the day on Tuesday.

Christmas Fair

We hope you'll be able to join us at the Christmas Fair tonight.

The Fair will start as soon as possible after the end of the school day. Please wait on either the Upper or Lower School yard to access the Fair, as per the email you received on Friday.

Please note, we have had a few parents ask about Choir tonight - there was no choir practice planned for tonight due to the School Fair.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service - all children to be in their school uniforms as usual

Thanks to all Key Stage 2 parents who replied to us so quickly regarding arrangements for the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Tuesday. Most parents are bringing their children directly to the church – remember to take the KS2 children to the church hall from 8:40 and no later than 8:50, then head into church yourself. If you are bringing younger siblings, then they should sit with you in church.

(If you are one of the few parents who have requested that we take your child to church then **they must be at school for 8:30 as we'll be leaving then** so that we can make sure everyone is at the church hall by 8:50. Please bring your KS2 child to the main entrance for 8:30.)

It will be lovely to have parents join us for this again. Please make sure both children and adults come warmly dressed as it was very cold in the church today.

We will be having a retiring collection for St. Margaret's Church to thank them for hosting us. If you can bring some change for this that would be appreciated.

School Newspaper

A new group of Y6 journalists have been busy with the first edition of this year's school newspaper. It's very topical and I have attached it for your interest. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Staffing update for the new year:

We have two staff leaving us at Christmas.

Mrs Nielsen, who has been our Academic Mentor, is leaving to take up a teaching post in a school in Morpeth.

Mrs Burdon, one of our Play Supervisors, is leaving us to start working as a Teaching Assistant. We wish them both well and thank them for all they have done for our children during their time with us.

We will not be employing another Academic Mentor but instead are employing Miss McConnell from an agency, to take on the role of school-led tutor. She will work with us up until the summer.

Mrs Cunningham, one of our cleaners, will replace Mrs Burdon at Play Supervisor.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023.

All children are back in school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Kay Hemmings

Head Teacher

