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The Future Begins Here.....

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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Countdown!

The next 2 weeks in school are busy ones as we head towards the Christmas break so here's a little reminder of what's happening:

Wednesday 7th December, Festive Family Craft Afternoon

You are warmly invited to join your child(ren) for an afternoon of Christmas Crafting. Children will be making festive decorations to display around school and for our lovely (VERY BIG) Christmas tree.

The activities will start at 1.30pm and will be in the main hall. Unfortunately due to insurance purposes we will not be able to allow young siblings to attend the session.

Monday 12th December, Christmas Trip to...(Shh it's a surprise)

Thank you for helping us keep our Christmas Visit a surprise for the Children. They have come up with some great guesses as to where they might be going, such as the North Pole or Newbiggin Beach !

They will be collected by coach at 9am in the Morning with activities starting at **11am till 12pm**. Lunch is booked for **1pm (provided by school)** and then they will have free time to look around and visit the other attractions. Return collection will be at **2.30pm** with an expected arrival back to school for **3.30pm**. Please ensure you can collect your child at the slightly later time of **3.30pm** from the school yard as normal. Should there be any delays in arriving back we shall contact you to let you know.

Timetable

- 9am - Collection from School
- 10am - Arrival at Destination
- 11am - 11.45am KS1 Activity
- 11am - 12pm KS2 Activity
- 1pm - Lunch
- 1.30pm - Free Time
- 2.30 - Return Collection
- 3.30- Arrival back at School

If you haven't already done so, please return your permission forms ASAP. Thank you.

Tuesday 13th December, Christmas Performance & Fayre, 1.20pm

Children are working hard learning their lines and new songs for the Christmas Performance. We hope you can join us when doors open at 1.20pm.

This year's performance will be followed by a small Christmas Fayre hosted by the School Council. Aswell as a few stalls there will be a tombola and a raffle, with all proceeds going directly to benefit each child in school. Any donations towards the raffle and food hampers would once again be very gratefully received. The basket is now in the corridor.

KS2 will have their own stall specifically to raise funds for their Robin Wood Trip.



Wednesday 14th December, Christmas Charity Collection

We have arranged for donations towards St Oswald's Hospice 'Go GREEN and BAG IT' campaign to be collected on Wednesday 14th December.

Please bring any donations of, toys, books, CD/DVD's and clothes to school before then. Each bag can be worth on average £16 to them with every penny raised goes to support the fantastic work St Oswald's do.

Danielle from St Oswald's will visit school in the New Year to hold a 'Thank You' assembly and to let the children know how much your kind donations have raised for the charity.

Thursday 15th December, Christmas Dinner

Children will enjoy a 2 course Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings.

Friday 16th December, Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'

Children are invited to wear their favorite Christmas Jumper/top to school, should they wish do so and we would welcome a small voluntary donation towards our charity collection.

And finally in other news...

Forest School



Children enjoyed an introductory Forest school session this week and made some great wooden Christmas ornaments using different techniques. Look out for them around school.

We are excited to tell you we are starting Forest School on **Wednesday 11th January 2017**. This will run for 6 weeks and be held in local woodland supervised by Groundworks. We have purchased outdoor clothing for the children to wear, however we are in need of bigger size coats for Class 2 to use. If your child has a suitable coat they could use that could stay in school please send it in with your child (Class 2 only). All children will need wellies or suitable footwear which will also be left in the duration.

Robin Wood

KS2 Parents remember payments can now be made towards your Robin Wood balance. Please remember to send your child's payment card with along with your payment.

Let us know any fundraising ideas, the more we can raise the less you have to pay!

Christmas Holidays

School will break for Christmas Holidays on **Friday 16th December** at 3.15pm. We return on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Best Wishes

Samantha Mason
Headteacher

