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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter- the last one for 2021. It has been a difficult year in many ways for all of us but there have also been many positives. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm of the children for their learning, for the extra- curricular activities we’ve been able to offer and for the visits which we’ve been able to arrange. I’d like to thank the Friends for their tremendous energy, enthusiasm and creativity towards supporting the school and most of all I’d like to say thank you to you- all of our parents. At times this year, many of you have juggled home schooling and your own workloads at very short notice with the accompanying uncertainties and worries about money, work, school and COVID. A huge and heartfelt thank you for everything you have done to support the school and the children through this challenging year.  I hope you all have an enjoyable and happy Christmas and New Year. | |
| **Stars of the week**  Every week, class teachers award certificates to those children who have particularly impressed them.  Our stars for the week ending the 26th November were : Millie and April (Class 1), Pippa and Hamish (Class 2), Caitlin and Luke S (Class 3) and Logan (Class 4). The Headteacher’s award went to Jax.  For the week ending the 3rd December, our stars were: Freddie and Sovannah (Class 1), Libby, Dylan and Eve (Class 2), William and Emma (Class 3) and George (Class 4). Ronnie received a special pencil for handwriting and the Headteacher’s award went to Frankie.  Really well done to you all. | |
| **Christmas performance this year -important change of date**  We have had to change the dates of some of our activities between now and the end of term for unavoidable reasons. This includes the party and the dates for our Christmas performance. See below for details- and please accept my apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause as I know some of you will have arranged time off work already.  We would like to invite you to wrap up warm and join us on **Monday 13th December at 2pm** **on the playground t**o sing some Christmas songs and hear some Christmas readings and poems followed by coffee and cake.  If the weather is really bad, we have a reserve date of **Thursday 16th December.**  **(Please note this is also a change of date)** | |
| **Christmas Parties- important change of date**  The Christmas parties are now going to be on **Wednesday 15th December** due to logistical reasons.  Mrs Bridges will be supplying party food. The children can come to school in party clothes- but these need to be sensible and warm as they will still be playing outside and we still need to keep the windows open! | **Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day**  Christmas dinner is this **Thursday, 9th December.**  The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 9th December in exchange for £1 for charity. The school council have decided to support UNICEF this year because of their work with children in diffferent countries. |
| **Eco Schools update:**  Our Eco Schools committee have now completed a detailed audit in school. This has included looking at areas such as energy use, water use and curriculum as well as food waste and travelling to school.  They will now write an action plan for the school.  There are 2 ways that you can help us immediately.  We are now collecting used printer cartridges in school for recycling. Please send any empty cartridges to school.  We also have a clothes bank. All of the good quality clothing which is received is re-sold, re-used or recycled, helping to lessen the impact of waste on the environment AND every time we fill the clothes bank we receive around £60 for school. Please spread the word amongst family, friends and neighbours. | |
| **Mini Police**  All of our Year 5 and 6 children have now been enrolled as ‘Mini Police’ and they had their first assignment recently when they were invited to help the local officers at the Christmas lights switch on in Hexham.  They were absolutely fantastic ambassadors for our school and the local officers were really impressed with both their behaviour and the way they carried out their duties. | |
| Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don’t know there is a problem, I can’t sort it out.  Jo Trotter | |

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| **Dates for your diary** |  |
| **Thursday 9th December** | Christmas dinner |
| **Monday 13th December** | **Christmas performance** |
| Wednesday 15th December | Christmas parties |
| **Thursday 16th December** | **Reserve date for performance** |
| Friday 17th December | End of term |
| Tuesday 4th January | Teacher training day |
| **Wednesday 5th January** | **Children return to school** |
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