

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **Attendance**

Once again, Year 5 had the highest attendance, Y5 with 99%!: Y2 - 98.4%, Y3 - 98.3%, Y4 - 97.9%, Y6 - , 7%, Y1 - 96.2%, R - 86.6%, N - AM - 92.8%, N - PM - 80%

### **Christmas Fair - today 3.00pm!**

### **Christingle Service Planning**

Mr Glenn will be joining us in school to make the Christingles for the service which will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45AM. Please can you send a large orange into school with your child as follows: 15.12.17 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, then 18.12.17 Reception class, Years 1 and 2. Thank you

### **"Safe use of the Internet at Home" - Drop in Sessions for IT**

We are offering drop in sessions on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm - 5.30pm to bring mobile devices in to our IT support. The sessions are to advise and show parents how to add parental controls to laptops, IPADS, smart phones etc, to ensure children are safe when using devices and the internet. Please complete the tear off slip at the back of the newsletter if you are interested in attending an event. Dates will be confirmed when interest has been received.

### **Mentor Lunch 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Our party day is 19<sup>th</sup> December and we will all be together in the hall for lunch. Remember to wear your party outfit.

### **RM Maths**

Morning sessions will take place up to and including the last day of term and will commence again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Swimming Sessions**

The last swimming session for Year 4 was today and Year 3 will have their last session on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 5 swimming will begin after the New Year each Wednesday. Year 2 and Year 3 will continue unchanged beginning the first week back in the New Year.

### **Breakfast Club**

All money that is sent into breakfast club needs to be in an envelope with the child's name on. It can be difficult to manage cash when there are two staff making breakfasts and managing the children as they come in. Envelopes are available to buy from the school office for 1p each.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation - raising awareness with parents**

Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (Pace) and the Virtual College teamed up to provide a short, free online course entitled 'Keep Them Safe: Protecting Children from CSE' designed to equip parents and carers with the knowledge to protect children against sexual exploitation. Details are available via the following link: <https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/resources/free-courses>

### Message for all parents / carers about Measles and MMR Vaccine

There is a measles outbreak in Liverpool affecting unvaccinated children. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger.

Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine. The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kids' problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles.

The first signs of measles are

\*Fever

\*Cough, runny nose and red sore eyes

\*After a few days, a spotty rash appears. It starts on the face and neck and spreads to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery; walk in centre or to Accident and Emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles - they won't pass it on to others.

Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

Travel advice: There are large outbreaks of measles currently in Romania, Italy or Germany. Make sure you are up to date with your MMR vaccine if you are planning to travel to these countries.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

### December to the end of term

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.00am - Carol Singing in Marian Square. 11.00am - Choir performance in St Nicholas's Nursing Home & 1.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Performance.

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - Making Day & Christmas Dinner Last Year 3 swimming.

**Year 5** Ice Skating at Southport

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.00am - Unity Theatre to see The Jungle Book - Years 2 to 6.

**19<sup>th</sup> December** - Party Day, Coverdale Puppets, Mentor Lunch & Bitesize Theatre (Snow White)

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.45am End of Term Service/Christingle (all families welcome) & Term Ends 2pm

### January 2018

**9<sup>th</sup> January**- First day back. Home visits for Nursery children

**10<sup>th</sup> January**- Nursery Opens

**15<sup>th</sup> January**- Mini Church 11.15AM - all families welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> week for after school clubs

**17<sup>th</sup> January**- Communion 10.00AM - all families welcome

**31<sup>st</sup> January**- Y4 Class Assembly - 9.15AM - school hall.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Murtagh

Headteacher

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### Safe use of the Internet at Home Drop in Sessions for IT

I am interested in attending a Safe use of the Internet at Home Drop in Sessions for IT

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_