

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to our Year 6 children with 99.6% of children present last week. Cuddles the bear will again be with Year 6 and the class will be able to spend the class voucher of £5.00. Y6 - 99.6%, Y4 - 98%, Y5 - 97.7%, Y3 - 95.3%, R - 94.8%, Y2 - , 4.3%, Y1 - 92.9%, N - AM - 84.8%, N - PM - 66.7%

Christmas Performance

Thank you so much to all parents and family members who have attended this year's plays. The children's costumes looked fabulous thanks to those of you who supported us in making them. I would also like to thank those of you who have given positive feedback to the staff and the school - it is lovely to hear when parents are pleased with something the school has done.

Sadly, we have had to ask some parents to leave as they have become quite abusive towards myself and other members of staff. I will be meeting with the Governors to discuss whether the plays continue as some parents have withdrawn their children from the school during the plays if they cannot get tickets. Obviously no-one expects to come to work to be verbally abused and we do not want any child to miss out on performing or being in school. It is a great pity as the overwhelming majority of pupils and parents enjoy the show. We will keep you informed of what is happening next year. Thank you for your continuing support.

Christmas Fair

Another huge thank you to the parents who helped Mrs McNally in putting the school fair together - a massive total of £1447.97 was raised! A fantastic achievement. The bail of hay winners were Esme in Year 3 and Ellie in Year 4. As always we will be drawing the raffle ticket winners after the Christingle service on the last day of term. The service starts at 9.45am at church and parents will be invited back to the family room for refreshments and to draw the winning tickets. Hope to see you there.

Christingle Service

Mr Glenn will be joining us in school to make the Christingles for the service which will take place on 20th December at 9.45AM. Please can you send a large orange into school with your child on Friday 14th December. Thank you

Shelter Collection

We raised a fantastic £183.96 this year (only £168.03 last year) for Shelter following our collection at the end of performances and Carol Singing at Marion Square. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

RM Maths

Morning sessions will take place up to and including the last day of term and will commence again on Tuesday 8th January 2019. An invitation will be sent to you before the end of term.

C U Winter Challenge

Please find attached information regarding the Children's University Winter Challenge.

Swimming Sessions

The first swimming session for Year 3 will be this Friday, 11th January. Year 5 swimming will begin after the New Year on 9th January 2019. They will go swimming each Wednesday afternoon and will all need a swimming hat. Boys will need swimming trunks and girls a one piece swimming suit. Year 3 will continue unchanged beginning the first week back in the New Year.

WOW! Walk to School - Month 3

Children have recently been introduced to WOW walk to school programme. This aims to encourage children to walk to school as often as they can. We learned about the many benefits of walking to school including:

- improving our fitness levels
- protecting the environment
- providing an opportunity for conversation
- reducing costs
- providing opportunities to practise road safety skills.



As part of the WOW programme the children will be working towards a monthly WOW badge which they will achieve if they walk, cycle or scoot to school at least three times per week. They electronically record how they have travelled to school each day and the results are collated over a month.

The children are very excited about collecting each badge and some have already received their badges. Please continue to encourage and support your child to walk to school. If it isn't possible to walk all the way please encourage them to:

- Park and stride: park away from school and allow them to walk part of the journey.
- Get off the bus 1 stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- Walk with a friend's family.
- Can you collect all 12 badges?



Thank you for your on-going support this term, please note that we finish at 2pm tomorrow.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to wish you all the very best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

Primary Admissions for September 2019

The deadline is fast approaching for Reception class places for September 2019. For more information, please visit the following link.

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

Please visit the school website for details <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/events>

December 2018

20th December- 09.45AM Christingle Service & Term Ends 2.00PM

January 2019

7th January- INSET Day

8th January- First day back.

8th January- Home visits for Nursery children PM - Nursery closed for afternoon session.

14th January- Mini Church 11.15AM - all families welcome.

After school clubs begin this week.

16th January- Communion 10.00AM - all families welcome.

21st January- Breakfast Bagels - more information to follow in the new year. 1.00PM Getaway and Get safe with Y6.

23rd January - Epiphany service at the Cathedral for Year 2 pupils.

25th January - Visit from Birds of Prey.

28th January - Bully busters visiting Year 6.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh

Headteacher