



21st December 2018

Dear Parents

HO HO HO! It's been very busy in school lately with productions, parties, panto, Music Workshop, Christmas Fair, Film night and of course Christmas lunch. It really is a magical time of year and the children's faces have been a delight to see. I know they loved our Christmas tree and hope you were wowed too!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Christmas Productions this last week. The children performed really well and I hope it put you in the Christmas mood. Thank you to all the staff who worked hard behind the scenes in making sure there was a lovely Christmas show for you to enjoy.

This term has flown by and I would like to thank you everyone; families, staff, governors and children for your ongoing support.

The children looked great in their Christmas Jumpers today we raised £140.00
Thank you.

100% Attendance

155 children have managed to make it into school every day this term. Well Done to you all, they each receive an attendance certificate.

2019

January is just around the corner and in the New Year we will be welcoming our teachers from Shanghai. The first week back is our STEM week where all children will be involved in work to do with science, technology, engineering and maths. Spring term dates will be out in the first week back so watch out for them coming.

Year 5

Homework over the holidays is to keep having fun on Times Tables Rock Stars and reading for pleasure. Apart from that, your main job is to have a well-earned rest, ready for the excitement of the Spring term. Merry Christmas!

Year 6

Year 6 parents will be invited into school in the New Year to share information about SATs with you and to offer you an early parent appointment. Dates are as follows:

Friday 25th January 9am - SATS information session

Monday 28th January - parents evening

Monday 4th February - parents evening

Clubs

There are no clubs the first week back, they all start week commencing 14th January.

Sad News

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pinnock family at this very sad time.

New Venture

One of our parents has opened Café Lutz beside the Co-op on Oakfield Road Whickham. I hope you will be able to pop along and visit over the festive period. Good luck.

A Baby is Coming

Congratulations to Mrs Spence who is expecting a baby in April.

FOFS

Thank you to FOFS for all their work behind the scenes in helping raise funds for school.



Christmas Raffle - A list of winners is attached to last week's newsletter. Please collect asap. Thank you to all local businesses that donated, without their help our raffles would not be such a success.

Guess the weight of the cake - the weight of the amazing Christmas cake was 5.5KG and was won by Mrs Cossey who guessed the closest.

TESCO - A HUGE shout out to TESCO in Whickham that has helped us so much this term with donations for our events. If you pop in there over the holidays say a huge thank you, they have really helped make a difference.



A Happy Christmas - A HUGE thank you too from us all for your help and support with Friends of Front Street and we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

On behalf of everyone at Front Street I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. I hope Santa Claus visits everyone and hopefully, there will be lots of excited children, mams, dads etc. over the holidays. Enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 7th January**.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

