

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to our Year 4 children with 99.7% of children present last week. Cuddles the bear will again be with Year 4 and the class will be able to spend the class voucher of £5.00. Y4 - 99.7%, Y6 - 99.3%, Y2 - 98.3%, Y5 - 97.4%, R - 95.2%, Y1 - , 5%, Y3 - 94.7%, N - AM - 91.4% ,N - PM - 86.7% .

Christmas Performances.

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.

The last performance is tomorrow morning and all tickets now have an allocated seat number so there is no need to queue up outside in the cold for a long time hoping to get near the front. Unfortunately, we cannot let parents in much earlier as the dinner hall has to be cleared, the stage set, the lighting arranged and 140 seats set out. As you can imagine this is quite a task in twenty minutes!

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 I will be meeting with the Governors to discuss whether the plays continue as some parents have withdrawn their children from the school during the plays if they cannot get tickets.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

Come along and join us at our Christmas Fair taking place this afternoon from 3.00PM. Huge thanks again to all those parents, friends and school Governors for helping this years fair and making it possible.

Christingle Service Planning

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

Christmas Lunch

We are having our Christmas lunch on Friday 14th December, children who are normally on packed lunch can join us on this day. Envelopes were sent home to children in Years 3 - 6 who are normally on packed lunch. If you would like your child to join in, please return the envelope to school by tomorrow. Please note that children in Years 3 - 6 can still have a packed lunch on this day.

Mentor Lunch 18th December

Our party day is 18th December and we will all be together in the hall for lunch. There will be no facilities for packed lunches on this day.

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.

Central Locality

Netherton Children's Centre is now known as Netherton Family and Wellbeing Centre. Details of their timetable are attached.

C U Winter Challenge

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

Swimming Sessions

The last swimming session for Year 3 will be this Friday, 14th December, Year 6 was today.

Year 5 swimming will begin after the New Year. 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.

Amazon Smile

Did you know that if you shop at Amazon, you can give to charity? More information can be found at the following address. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/aw/ch/homepage?ie=UTF8&ein=&orig=>

WOW! Walk to School - Month 2

Recently, we had a visitor who introduced the 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?



Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

December 2018

13th December- 10.00AM Carol Singing in Marion Square. 3rd Performance 1.30PM

14th December- Making Day, Christmas Dinner 2.15pm Stay n Play in Nursery and Reception classes. Final Swimming for Year 3.

17th December- PARTY DAY - Party clothes. Bitesize Theatre Company(AM), Coverdale Puppets & Class Party PM

18th December- Christingles, Mentor Lunch & Santa Dash

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.

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

21st January- 1.00PM Getaway and Get safe with Y6.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh

Headteacher