



Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of Christmas decorations, lights and unwanted gifts for our upcoming school events.

Carol Service – Change of Date

There has been a change of date to the KS2 Carol Service, this will now be held on Tuesday 19th December 6pm at St Aidan's Parish, instead of 12th December. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Christmas Performances

The children are beginning to practice for what will be some fantastic Christmas performances.

Initially, parents will be able to request up to two tickets per child and may be able to get extra tickets should they be available. Please complete the relevant online form or contact the office to request your allocation of tickets by **Monday 20th November**. After this, tickets will be given out according to preferences and you will be able to contact the school office to request additional tickets, should there be any available. We understand there is increased financial pressure at this time of year so there will not be a charge for tickets.

- **EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity** – Wednesday 6th December 10am and 1.30pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/p2z7hFzg4F>

- **KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity** – Thursday 7th December 10am and 1.30pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/NhPNYWDqze>

Christmas Pantomime

A reminder to complete the consent form and make payment for the Christmas Pantomime visits:

- KS2 – Wednesday 13th December: <https://forms.office.com/e/vWPWNX2h6u>
- Reception and KS1 – Thursday 14th December: <https://forms.office.com/e/Hf0yAhMyk7>

Healthier Together App

A reminder about the Healthier Together App:



Worried that your child is ill?

Healthier Together can help you work out what's wrong, what to do and where to go for help. The website and app have been developed by local healthcare professionals for parents and carers. It's got all the information and advice you need to keep your child healthy.

Find us online at www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk



Each year, as we enter the colder months, we find that there is an increasingly large number of absences due to illness. Often, we find that a child has taken time off school due to a cold or a sniffle. When a child is feeling a little under the weather, parents contact the school to seek advice, where staff do their best to provide support and advice in line with our school policies. However, we are not medically trained and are not best placed to provide the most accurate medical advice. Therefore, we are pleased to share with you The Healthier Together app which has been designed to help parents and carers identify what's wrong, what to do and where to go for help. The website and app have been developed by local healthcare professionals for parents and carers. It's got all the information and advice you need to keep your child healthy. We advise that you download the app, as this will support you when making decisions based on keeping your child off school. For further information please scan the QR code or follow the link www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk

Road Safety

We have had a member of the public contact school concerned about a near-miss accident on Goathland Avenue this week, due to a child crossing the road into oncoming traffic. We continue to reiterate the importance of road safety in school and would be grateful if parents could also instill this message, particularly to children who walk home from school without an adult.

EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Please join us to play with your child:

- **Nursery - Tuesday 28th November 9am.**
- **Reception - Wednesday 29th November 9am.**



Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Tuesday 28th November 9am – Nursery Stay and Play Session
Wednesday 29th November 9am – Reception Play and Stay Session
Wednesday 6th December 10am and 1.30pm - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Thursday 7th December 10am and 1.30pm - KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity
Wednesday 13th December - KS2 Pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Thursday 14th December - Reception and KS1 Pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Monday 18th December – Christmas Lunch
Monday 18th December 9.30am – Early Years Elf Visit
Tuesday 19th December – Santa visiting school
Tuesday 19th December 6pm – KS2 Carol Service at St Aidan’s Parish
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Disco
Friday 22nd December - Christmas Fun Day
25th December – 5th January – School Closed for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January – Pupils return for Spring Term