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Dear Parents

Christmas Activities at Bentham Community Primary School

It's the most wonderful time of the year, also probably the most chaotic! To help parents/carers plan ahead, please find below some details about what will be happening in school over the next couple of weeks:-

Friday 14th December 2018

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper, on top of their school uniform, in return for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. All funds raised will go to 'Save the Children'. Christmas Dinner will be taking place in the School Hall and all children are invited to join in with this festive feast. Meals can be ordered in class at registration, there will be a vegetarian option. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay. By way of a reminder, meals are FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and year 2, £1.80 for children in Nursery and £2.30 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, there is no need to pay for a Christmas Dinner.

Monday 17th December 2018

At 2.00pm our Key Stage 2 children (years 3,4, 5 and 6) will be putting on a magical Christmas Performance of 'Bah Humbug' for children in Key Stage 1 (reception, year 1 and 2), together with senior citizens from the local community. For those parents who are not able to watch their children perform in 'Bah Humbug' on the evening of Wednesday 19th December, there have been 30 tickets allocated for the afternoon performance, tickets will be restricted to a maximum of two per family. Seats for the afternoon performance will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis so, to avoid disappointment, please contact Sally in the School Office to secure a seat! By way of information, tickets will be required for both an adult and/or a child.

Tuesday 18th December 2018

At 6.00pm children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity. For many children, this will be their first experience of performing in a school production in front of an audience. On the night, can parents please ensure that children arrive at school, via the main entrance, for 5.30pm in order that children can get changed into their costumes. It is anticipated that the Nativity will finish at around 6.30pm and parents should make arrangements to collect children from their classrooms following the performance. We do appreciate that parents of children in Nursery might feel that the evening performance finishes too late for their child to take part in and, whilst we would love as many Nursery children as possible to join in, we do appreciate that parents may feel that a 6.30pm finish is too late for their child. We are expecting all children from Reception and Years 1 and 2 to take part in this performance, which children have been busy practising and learning their parts for.



Tuesday 18th December 2018

Children in Reception through to Year 6 inclusive will be taking part in the Auction Mart Carol Service. On the day, children will walk from school to the Auction Mart. Can parents please make arrangements to collect their child from the Auction Mart at 3.30pm? Parents are more than welcome to join children at the Service, but please bear in mind that space is limited. As is usually the case, we are looking for volunteers to help supervise children whilst walking to the Auction Mart. If you are available to help from 2.30pm onwards, then please let Sally know in the School Office. Thank you.

Wednesday 19th December 2018

At 2.00pm children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will once again be performing their Nativity to a captive audience. If you are coming along to this performance, can you please arrive at school for 1.30pm again via the main entrance. It is anticipated that the Nativity will be finished by 2.30pm and parents are welcome to take their children home after the Nativity. By way of information, if your child is in Nursery, does not usually stay for an afternoon session, and would like to take part in the performance, can parents please arrange to bring their child back to school for 1.30pm and, if not staying to watch the show, arrange to collect their child again at 2.30pm? Thank you.

Wednesday 19th December 2018

At 6.00pm children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will be putting on their final performance of 'Bah Humbug'. Due to the size of the school hall, together with health and safety restrictions, we are limited to the number of seats that will be available to parents. Therefore, entry will be by ticket only, with a maximum of two tickets being issued per family, this to include any tickets used on the Monday Matinee performance. Can parents/carers please ensure that they bring their tickets with them to the performance as they will be collected at the main door. Again, tickets will be required for both an adult and/or a child.

On the evening of the performance, children will need to arrive at school via the main entrance at 5.30pm. It is anticipated that the production will finish at around 7.15pm and parents should make arrangements to collect children from their classrooms. Whilst we appreciate that limiting tickets to two per family may, in some instances, cause disappointment, we are as mentioned above restricted by both space and safety issues. We would ask that if you do not require both of your tickets, then you please return any spares to Sally in the School Office. Any spare tickets will be distributed to those parents requesting additional seats, again on a first-come-first-served basis. Thanking parents in anticipation for their understanding. By way of clarification, there will be no need for parents to obtain tickets for the Key Stage 1 Nativity productions, as there are fewer children taking part and, therefore, additional space available in the hall for the performance.

Thursday 20th December 2018

Children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 will be going to The Grand Theatre, Blackpool to watch Beauty and the Beast. For more information, please see the separate letter sent home with children.

Finally, Friday 21st December 2018 is Christmas Party Day for all children in all classes! Children are more than welcome to come into school wearing their very best party clothes. All that is left to say is have a peaceful, lovely Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Yours sincerely

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