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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic (and busy) week in school. We started the week with a brilliant pantomime and the children loved the interaction with the characters, this was followed by a visit to see Santa on Tuesday and then our festive movie event last night. It is clear the festive season is well underway and the excitement is starting to build. Thank you to all of the families who have donated a bottle to the school fair today. We now have the big task of adding tickets to all of our items, ready for the tombola events. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for everything they do to contribute to the life of the school. Staff always go above and beyond to make sure children have a brilliant time and help raise funds to give them extra special treats.

**Request from residents**

I have had another request from local residents to remind parents not to park across driveways or on the yellow zig zag lines. We have had situations where residents cannot leave their property for work or hospital appointments due to cars blocking their driveways. Please always be considerate of residents and their property when parking and be mindful of any children that may be crossing the road.

**Nativity play**

Next week our children will be performing in their nativity play. It seems to have come around very quickly this year but children have been practicing very hard in order to be ready for you. They love to see you in the audience so be sure to give them a wave as they arrive in the hall. This helps them to settle and put their energy into their performance. We hope you are looking forward to it. Please ensure you bring your tickets with you- these will be collected at the door.

**3D printed items**

Due to popular demand, we are going to run our 3D printed items sale on Monday 9th (during the school day). Each time we have a sale, the items seem to get better and better! This time, every child has a keyring printed with their own name on and they will be available to purchase for £2. We also have other items available from £1-£7. This includes the very popular dragons, fidget toys and keyrings. For more information on the items available please see our Facebook page.

**Household vouchers**

We have been advised by Durham County Council that the household vouchers will be issued next week. We do not yet know which day they will be sent but we will release these as soon as possible, once we have them in school. You do not need to contact the school office to request these but your email address must be up to date. Please update any email addresses by Monday 9th. You can do this by email to kingstreet@durhamlearning.net.

**Toy safety information**

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. Please see this link for more information [https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Femail.kjbm.safeguardinginschools.co.uk%2Fc%2FeJyEkM2q3DwMhq8m2Xwk2Iqdn4UXX2kHuu4FBMVWEs8kdmo5U87dl3NmBko50KWeR3oRLx7HGHAnc8MrTr7iHBPNKYbM1ZGiO232MZTOOKWHSZRkZNeAlqrXXUk7-m10tPk7pbfROwOdkM0gmkbKp32HUitQ0LcvthMzLjTmt4PMA00porPI-bmSiOOZLH16z_TzpPCQL3ROH2nf3qcvf4V9ZlajG2vnAdQklRrE3A4KWrIIerDQDo0uvQEBSkrQohVdo2onWhLY2g76oQeYCyVu12mvGWdaTkzOh8UHtmuMG9c21uet3Mya88FF838BlwIuFo9cx7TU562AS185DAuleHK1-DlzlWOF9-hdlVfPlV2T57wjF3ApX7UxBUdpdHFHH8w_P0jmioHqjX75UCjhzrTiXi_x_iHJ-sNTyI-iB5Cd6pUo2edn96rTUvQaymx--Ez_ff9aQPMHvhv4HQAA__9yTMLo&data=05%7C02%7Cj.bromley200%40kingstreet.durham.sch.uk%7Cbc54b98ca01d4679128a08dd1080a636%7C45dfff5283644d73bf3a8f98bdf10d87%7C0%7C0%7C638684867415755726%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Rb0ZcP7tAA2lWmaBuGbuNP94dT%2BAR%2F2oWyGPb3%2FFvlI%3D&reserved=0)

**Save the Date – Spennymoor Gala 70th Celebration: Saturday 5th July 2025.**

While it may only be December, we are already looking forward to next year's Spenny Gala! The Gala Committee have released the following letter and, after the success of last year's Gala, I hope that many families join us on Saturday 5th July 2025 to once again represent King Street Primary and Pre-School in the Gala Parade. More details to follow in the New Year.

*"It’s hard to believe that five months have already passed since the unforgettable Spennymoor Gala Carnival of Colour on Saturday, 6th July 2024. We were thrilled to see over 7,500 spectators enjoy the vibrant parade, lively performances, musical acts, and the incredible array of local community groups and organisations. Together, we brought an explosion of colour and joy to the heart of Spennymoor, and we couldn’t have done it without your invaluable contribution.*

*On behalf of the Spennymoor Gala Committee, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who joined us and took part in the event. Your participation truly made the event a success, helping us put smiles on the faces of thousands of attendees and creating a day of celebration that will be remembered for years to come.*

*As we begin planning for the Spennymoor Gala 2025, we are excited to share that next year’s event will be even more special as we mark an incredible milestone: the 70th anniversary of the Gala! We are planning an unforgettable celebration on****Saturday, 5th July 2025,****and we hope you’ll join us to help make this landmark event one to remember.*

*Please****save the date****, and stay tuned for more details! We’ll be reaching out in the new year with further information, including our exciting theme and plans for the 2025 grand parade. One thing we can promise: it’s going to be a boogie!...*

*In the meantime, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back for this momentous occasion and can’t wait to celebrate 70 years of the Gala with you!*

*Warm regards,
The Spennymoor Gala Committee"*

**Childhood illness**

The UK Health Security Agency have seen an increase in the number of reported norovirus cases in England, which appears to be occurring earlier in the winter season than is typical, on top of an already high background level.

Public Health would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the '48 hour rule' with respect to diarrhoea and vomiting (i.e. pupils should stay away from school until 48hrs after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting). Remember good hand hygiene and infection control measures help reduce the spread of viruses and infections.

We also have a small outbreak of headlice in some classes. Please ensure you check your child’s hair thoroughly and treat lice and eggs. Children can return immediately after treatment.

**Holiday clubs**

Sportscool Durham are proud to once again be an official provider of the holiday and food programme (HAF) on behalf of Durham County Council for primary school children between the ages of 4-11. Over the Christmas holidays they are running 3 holiday camps in the County Durham area in Shildon, Spennymoor and Peterlee providing those who are in receipt of benefit based free school meals (FSM) a full packed day of sports and activities, as well as a 2 course lunch and healthy snack. They would love for as many children as possible who are eligible for FSM to be able to attend the holiday camps.

For those who aren’t eligible, they can still attend both of the holiday camps through Parent Paid Access. This comes at a cost of only £15 per day or £39 for all 3 days. Parents will need to provide their own packed lunch; however, the club runs exactly the same for those attending through funded access as it does for those who have paid to attend.

Activities include:

Inflatable Day

Nerf Gun Day

Laser Tag Day

UV Day

Dance and Gymnastics Day

Football Day

A flyer with more information will be issued to families with a booking link that can be clicked on, so please look out for this.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. If there is any information you believe is important to pass on about your child, staff are always available on the school yard, by email or you can make an appointment through the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates**

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Nativity (Reception and KS1 9.30am- KS2 1.15pm)

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity (KS2 9.30am -Reception and KS1 1.15pm)

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Fair (3.30pm)

Monday 16th December - Class Christmas parties.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Service at St Andrew’s Church (10am, parents welcome)

Friday 20th December - School finishes for Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - School reopens