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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a chocolate donation for the school fair. It looks like we are going to have a brilliant tombola stall. Our next dress down day (wear your own clothes day) is on Friday 6th December. On this day, we ask children to bring a bottle (could be bubble bath, juice, alcohol etc) as a donation for the bottle tombola. Where alcohol is donated, we ask this is handed to an adult on the school yard or taken directly to the school office please.

**Parents’ Evenings**

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend Parents’ evening this week. It is really important that parents have the opportunity to speak to class teachers about their child’s progress, friendships and overall wellbeing. It is also a chance to see children’s workbooks and see the wonderful things they do in school. We know that for many children, if they are asked what they did at school, the reply is often “nothing!”

**Flu immunisation clinic**

We have been asked by the NHS to advise parents of their nearest vaccination catch up clinic. If your child did not receive the vaccination in school and you wish to have them vaccinated, your nearest catch up session is: Thursday 28th November at Tudhoe Family Hub, DL16 6EX 3.30pm to 5.00pm

**Photographs**

School photographs were taken on Monday, using our new photographer Rose and Sons. We chose this company due to their excellent reputation and their lower costs for photos. They have managed to capture some delightful photos of your children and we hope you will be really happy with them. We know that lots of families buy these photos as Christmas gifts for family members and they certainly should be pleased with them.

**Movie night**

We are holding our Movie night on Thursday 5th December. Ticket requests have already been sent and we already have over 100 responses so far. Please make sure you complete a request form so your child can be allocated a place. We will then invoice families through ParentPay. The cost is £3.50 and children get a hot dog, popcorn and a drink whilst they watch their movie. The event takes place straight after school and all children must be collected at 5:30pm. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone.

**Christmas lunch day**

On Thursday 12th December we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. There is always a very festive feel with decorated tables, music and a delicious, traditional Christmas Lunch. If your child is normally on school dinner, you do not need to request a school lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Lunch, you must request once through the form that has been sent today. This needs to be completed by 28th November to ensure our food order can be placed.

**Nativity tickets**

Each year we ask for families to request how many Nativity tickets they need (up to a set amount) but we find that most families always request the full amount. Therefore, this year, rather than request nativity tickets, we are going to send the full allocation tickets directly to each family. Please note, there will be no additional tickets available as the allocated amount will take us to capacity in the hall. More information will be sent home next week so please look out for this.

**Christmas party day**

Christmas party day is on Monday 16th December. Thanks to a donation from Spennymoor Town Hall, there will be no need for families to send party food to school and there will be no requirement for a school lunch/packed that day. All party food and entertainment will be provided. Children can come to school in non uniform and, if they wish, they can bring additional party clothes for the afternoon. More information will be sent home next week.

**School Christmas Fair**

Our school fair is being held on Thursday 12th December. Our children will be making their own creation in school to sell at the fair so we do hope you can come along. If you would like a space to sell your own crafts and creations, please contact the school office. This is always a busy event and we welcome members from the whole community to join us, with all money raised providing additional activities and experiences for our children.

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.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates**

Thursday 5th December - Movie night (3.15pm-5.30pm)

Friday 6th December - Dress down day - bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity

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