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Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Scholastic Book Fair. It was lovely to see so many children engaging with the books on display. Congratulations to the winners of our poster competition: Class 1 – Jessie; Class 2 – Reuben; Class 3 – Jane; and to our raffle prize winners: Ashley and Ritchie. Each of those children received a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. The posters produced by the children are on display in the Reception if anyone would like to see them.

I am very pleased to say that Book Fair sales exceeded expectations, with sales being in excess of £400, earning our school rewards of £170 towards the purchase of books for the school.

Extended Child Care

Following a recent survey in relation to wrap-around care we intend to set up before and after school clubs on a trial basis after the February half-term from Monday 24th February 2020. Full details and booking forms, including a pricing structure, will be sent out in the New Year.

Bonus Ball

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our bonus ball draw this term and well done to those who have won so far. Below is a list of the winners and winning numbers to date:

7 th Sept – 8 – Mrs S Whiteford;	14 th Sept – 28 – Mrs K Graham (staff);
21 st Sept – 54 – Mr R Fenton;	28 th Sept – 26 – Mrs L Roddam;
5 th Oct – 58 – Mrs L Rutherford;	12 th Oct – 58 – Mrs L Rutherford;
19 th Oct – N/A holiday;	26 th Oct – 32 – Mrs K Graham;
2 nd Nov – 40 – Mrs A Beaty;	9 th Nov – 31 – Mrs R Smithson;
16 th Nov – 17 – Mrs L Dixon;	23 rd Nov – 31 – Mrs R Smithson; and
30 th Nov – 51 – Mrs J Evans (Staff).	

Payments for the next half-term (£6) are due by no later than Thursday 19th December and should be handed to Miss Simpson in Class 1. If you no longer wish to carry on playing please let Miss Simpson know and your number can be re-allocated. There are one or two numbers currently available if anyone wishes to take another number or start playing in the New Year

Last Sunday 1st December, we held our Christmas Fair, which was once again brilliantly supported by you, the families of our pupils, and the local community. It was great to see some of our former pupils in attendance. We have raised just over £1,100, which you will agree is amazing for a school of our size. We will confirm the final figure once it is known. Thank you to all who organised and ran the stalls and to those who attended. We would not be so successful without your continued support.

Mrs Harrison was able to come along and wanted me to let you know how lovely it was for her to see everyone and how she really appreciated everyone's concern and kind wishes. She hopes to pop into school, as and when she is able to do so, and is really looking forward to seeing the Class Christmas plays.

Tomorrow, Friday 6th December, Class 3 are going to the Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, where they will see a performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol.' They will be leaving late morning and we expect them to return to school by approximately 5.30pm. In the event that it will be a lot later than that time we will put a notice on the school app so please check the app.

Next week, as we enter the last two weeks of the Autumn Term, Class 2 and Class 3 will be performing their Christmas Plays in school, which parents, friends and family are most welcome to attend. The performance times are as follows:

Class 3 - Tuesday 10th December - 2.30pm & 7pm;

Class 2 - Thursday 12th December - 2.30pm & 6.30pm.

We would request that younger siblings are brought to the afternoon performances only.

On the afternoon of Monday 16th December we are holding our Christmas party. All children are to come to school on the morning of that day in school uniform, bringing their party clothes in a bag. They will be able to get changed ready for the party after lunchtime. All children who attend our school nursery are invited to attend.

If your child is not usually in nursery on a Monday, they can come into school at 1.15pm dressed for the party or may attend the morning session – bringing their party clothes in a bag - and stay for lunch at a charge of £17. Please let the staff in Class 1 know if you wish for your child to attend for this additional session.

Parents and younger siblings are most welcome to come into school just before 3pm, in time to see our special visitor.

On Tuesday 17th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch.

Class 1 will be performing the Nativity in Irthington Church at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th December. Everyone is welcome to attend and the ladies of the Church will be serving refreshments afterwards. If you are unable to attend please arrange for your child/ren to be collected from Church at 3.30pm. If you would like your child/ren to go home on school transport – if this is their usual means of travelling – we will walk them back to school.

Please indicate on the attached form whether or not you will be attending the Nativity and, if not, the arrangements for your child/ren to be taken home.

On the morning of Thursday 19th December Class 1 and Class 2 will be travelling to Hexham to watch a performance of the Three Bears.

On Friday 20th December school will be closing at 2pm for the Christmas break.

We have a busy two weeks ahead and I am sure that I will see many of you over the next couple of weeks, however, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Sweetman

Class 1 Nativity – Wednesday 18th December - Collection arrangements:

Please complete and return to school as soon as possible:

I will be able to attend the Nativity and will be taking my child/ren home at the end of the service.

I will not be attending the Nativity but will collect my child/ren.....
.....from Church at 3.30pm.

I will not be attending the Nativity but have arranged for my child/ren.....
.....to be collected from Church at 3.30pm by.....
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I will not be attending the Nativity and would like my child/ren.....
.....walked back to school to go home by taxi/school bus.

Signed..... Date.....