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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Out and About

Mrs Kelly and Year 6 set off for Newcastle on Monday. Their first stop was the Central Mosque where we always receive a warm welcome. The children looked at the interesting features of the mosque and learned all about the practices undertaken.

Next on the agenda was a brisk walk down to the Discovery Museum, where everyone enjoyed exploring the charge gallery and lots of fascinating artifacts from World War 1.

Mrs Bainbridge and Year 3 took a trip to Rising Sun Country Park in North Tyneside. They were wrapped up warm and thoroughly enjoyed the stone age workshop, many saying it was the best day out ever! High praise indeed.

Festivals of Light

There are many festivals of light across various cultures in the world and the lighting of lamps or lanterns is a significant part of the celebrations. Today, each class has been discovering a different festival and its origins. Reception children and Year 5 looked at the 5-day festival of Diwali, Year 1 discovered Advent and Year 6 explored the celebration of Eid, the festival of breaking the fast. Years 3 and 4 concentrated on Christingle, named after the little decorated oranges, symbolising the world and holding a burning candle, and Year 2 looked at the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah and made menorah, the nine branched candelabrum.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came along to school this week, it was wonderful to see so many of you. If you missed your appointment for whatever reason, please speak to your class teacher or contact the school office to make other arrangements.

Christmas Dates

Just to remind you of the many events and exciting activities over the next few weeks. Please keep this list safe to refer to:-

Thu 1st Dec – Tree Lighting in Ryton – more info to follow

Mon 5th Dec- Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm

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Tue 13th Dec- Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 19th Dec- Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 1.45pm

Tue 20th Dec- Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 9.30am

Tue 20th Dec- Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party afternoon

Wed 21st Dec- Key Stage Two Carol Service at Holy Cross Church 10am

Wed 21st Dec- Key Stage 2 Christmas Party afternoon

Thu 22nd Dec- Christmas Music Workshop

Fri 23rd Dec- Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children

Break up for the end of term holidays, return to school on Monday 9th January 2023.

Christmas Fayre

It is our Christmas Fayre on Monday 5th December with doors opening at 3.30pm.

Santa Claus will be in his grotto, there will be refreshments in the dining hall, and lots of stalls in the main hall including tombola, raffle, face painting, crafts, Christmas lucky dips and much, much more. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful donations to the tombola stall, we are still accepting donations of chocolate goods, toiletries such as bubble bath or bottles for the bottle stall.

Governing Body Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please let us know if you are interested and we will send you the relevant paperwork.

An effective school governor is someone who:

- cares about improving children's educational achievement
- wants to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by different people
- is willing to listen, learn, be supportive and ask questions
- has a feel for what is important to people and as a parent, be understanding of other parents' concerns
- has enthusiasm and can commit time and energy to the governing body and attend relevant meetings

Car Parking

Can we ask once again that parents park with consideration for local residents whilst on the school run. Please be courteous to our neighbours and show respect at all times. No one should be parking on the chevrons outside of school, only use the bays available in the car park and never reverse out on the road. Please avoid parking across someone's drive and remember that you can use the car park at the Runhead, or the Castle and walk to school.

Reminders

Our lost property bin is overflowing, despite parents looking through the unclaimed items this week. Anything left over at the end of next week will be sent for recycling.

Next week is the last week for Afterschool Clubs for this term. New clubs will be arranged for the spring in due course and information sent home after the holidays.

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We have noticed lots of white and colourful trainers in school recently. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the correct day, all trainers and school shoes should be plain black.

Enjoy your weekend whatever you're doing, and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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