

11th December 2015

Dear Families,

Thank you everyone for being so patient with the school closures this week. There is no contingency for no electricity, no phones, no internet and no way of contacting people! The Bay Radio was extremely useful and if such a situation were to happen again (hopefully it never will) I will phone the Bay radio to announce school closure. Anyway, I think we are all more used to forces of nature out here in Abbeystead and everyone was very calm about it.

This will be the last letter for the half term. I would like to thank everyone - staff, families and children who all make school a great place to learn and work. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

Spellings

Spelling test will be on Thursday on the week 6 words. No Homework this week!

School Christmas Week - The last week of school is very busy. Please see the details. No after school clubs this week.

Please could all children bring in a labelled bag on Monday 14th December which will put decorations in as we take them down.

Monday 14th December

Christmas Play Rehearsal

Please could all nursery children either stay for the full day on Monday 14th December bringing a packed lunch or come for the afternoon session at 1pm so that they can take part in the play rehearsal with Mrs Barker.

Christmas Play DVD

We are so lucky this year to have Mr Buccelli who has offered to make a DVD of the Christmas Performances. He makes promotional DVDs, so we are delighted. Copies of the DVD, which will be a simple recording of the play in a plastic wallet can be ordered and will cost £5 each. Please fill in the attached slip and return with the money by Wednesday 21st December so that he knows how many copies to make.

Christmas Play - All welcome 7pm

Please could infants come to the Village Hall at 6:45pm to get ready for the play which starts at 7pm. There will be a short interval between the 2 plays for tea and coffee and mince pies. We will keep the infant and junior children in the meeting room

during the interval and give them a drink and biscuit and return them to parents for the junior play or to go home.

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch and Party - own clothes

All children including Nursery are invited to our Christmas Meal. Lunch will be paid for all children and the Christmas Party will be that morning. Children may wear their own Christmas clothes on this day and Father Christmas may visit in the afternoon. This will be a full day for Nursery and will be their last day for the term. There will be no Nursery on Thursday and Friday mornings due to the full day on Monday and Wednesday.

Christmas Carol Service 16th December 7:30pm Over Wyresdale Church

This is an Ecumenical service with lots of churches taking part and the children will be singing some Christmas carols. All are welcome - just turn up and we will gather the children during the service. The service is usually finished within an hour.

Thursday 17th December - No Swimming, No Nursery

Violin concert 1:30pm KS2 Awards Assembly 2:30pm All welcome

Friday 18th December

The Dukes Theatre - Beauty and the Beast, No Nursery

All children in Reception to Y6 will be travelling to the Dukes Theatre on the last day of term and returning to school by coach for 1pm. We will not be ordering lunches on this day except for the children who have infant free school meals. These children will be given a packed lunch to take home if they want or take to Emmett's party if they are going there.

Emmett's Kids Club have invited all the children in the school to a Christmas party in the afternoon from 1-3:30pm in the Village Hall. Children will be taken from school to the party, given lunch and will need to be collected from the Village Hall at 3:30pm. If your child would like to attend please fill in the attached slip so Mrs Townley knows how many children to expect.

Units of Study Next Half Term

Foundation Stage

English- Read, write inc

Maths - Maths Enhancement Program

Homes and Buildings

Lighthouse Keeper's lunch

KS1

English - Read, write inc.

Maths - Maths Enhancement Program

Science - Everyday Materials

RE- Islam

Topic - Homes and Houses

KS2

English - Grammar and Punctuation, composition, comprehension

Maths - Maths Enhancement Program

Science - Forces and Magnets

Geography - Volcanoes and Earthquakes, time zones and climate zones

RE - Islam

History- Ancient Greece

Clubs Next Half term

Clubs apart from Gymnastics will start in the 2nd week of term. Gymnastics will be on Wednesday 6th Jan

Monday -Animation club starting 11th Jan £5 for 5 week half term

Tuesday - Hat Club Y2-Y6 children will be designing their own hat to keep with Ms Huset starting 12th Jan £10 for 4 week half term + the last week of the half term will join in with Art Club.

Reception/Y1 - Art Club £5 for the half term

Wednesdays- Gymnastics Club £6 for 6 week half term

Please fill in the attached slip if your child would like to participate and return with payment.

Thursday- Emmett's Kids' club

Items needed for after Christmas:

Cardboard boxes (small and cereal box size)

Kitchen roll tubes

Plastic Screw top lid 1 litre juice cartons

Mrs Fiona Ip

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 14th Dec- Christmas Play 7pm Village Hall

Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Lunch and party- own clothes

Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Carol Service 7:30pm Over Wyresdale Church all welcome

Thurs 17th Dec - Violin Concert 1:30pm

Thurs 17th Dec - Awards Assembly 2:30pm

Fri 18th Dec- The Dukes Theatre- whole school Beauty and the Beast return for 1pm

Fri 18th Dec- 1pm School closes for Christmas holidays

Fri 18th Dec - 1pm-3:30pm Emmett's Christmas Party - village hall

Future Diary Dates

Mon 4th Jan- School Re-opens for the Spring Term

Wed 6th Jan - Gymnastics club- 4:30pm

Thurs 7th Jan- No Swimming

Fri 8th Jan - Childsafe talk Y5/6 1-2pm

Fri 8th Jan -Family Assembly Y6 celebration of work

I would like my child/children.....to attend the Animation Club and I enclose £5.

Signed.....

I would like my child/children.....to attend the Hat Club and I enclose £10.

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I would like my child/children.....to attend the Art Club and I enclose £5.

Signed.....

I would like my child/children.....to attend the Gymnastics Club and I enclose £6.

Signed.....

I would like to purchase a copy of the Christmas Play DVD and I enclose £5.

Signed.....