

4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Families,

### **Spellings**

Spelling test will be on Friday on the week 5 words. We missed last week's so did week 4 words this week.

### **Danny Matthews - Bay Radio**

I was very proud of the children talking on the radio this week. They all spoke clearly and confidently with no prompting. It was all unrehearsed. The clips can be heard on Bay Radio website, Danny Matthew's page then click on the Bay Breakfast Show.

### **Parish Christmas Fair**

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday from 2-5pm. Please note the change of time this year from the evening to the afternoon. Mrs Entwistle has been teaching the children Christmas Carols and they will be singing to open the Christmas Fair. Please meet in the foyer at 2pm if can attend ready for the official opening at 2.30pm. Helen Yu will also be there to collect Parish magazine subs, 100Club - £52/year and email addresses for a monthly `What's on in Abbeystead` .

### **Y6 Christmas Decoration**

Each year the children in Y6 bring in a Christmas Decoration from home, labelled with their name. We have been doing this for so many years now, that our tree is filled with decorations from children who have left. We always enjoy getting them out at Christmas and remembering the children who have been through the school. Please could Y6 children bring in a labelled decoration to add to our collection.

### **Christmas Play Costumes**

Please could all play costumes be brought into school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December so that we can rehearse in costume. We will then keep them in the village hall for Friday. The Narrators in the infant play may wear Christmas clothes eg a party dress or Christmas jumper.

### **Lexia - Word 5**

As the use of Lexia in school and at home has been very successful we have decided to continue the subscription. The programme cover all aspects of English and teaches children at their level - making it easier if they struggle and repeating concepts until they are really secure with them. It would be great if children could continue at home with Lexia and also the Maths programme Easimaths over the Christmas holidays. The log in on Easimaths has been simplified to the child's name ( all lower case),

including the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of their surname if there is more than 1 child with the name @cawthorne and the password is the child's initials. The children in Y2 upwards can also use Accelerated reader (link on the school website) to do quizzes on any books they have read. That should keep them busy! If you are unsure how to access any of these programs please come and ask and we will try to help.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December which will put decorations in as we take them down.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Christmas Play Rehearsal**

Please could all nursery children either stay for the full day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 our welcome just turn up.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - No Swimming, No Nursery**

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

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the infant free school meals. 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.

### **Thanks to:**

Mr Eatock who is a student teacher and has been working with the juniors. He will be back for another placement in the summer term.

Mrs Fiona Ip  
Headteacher

### **Diary Dates**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Parish Christmas Fair 2-5pm  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Film Club - 4:30pm  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Club - 4:30pm  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Gymnastics Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Emmett's Kid's Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y1 Assembly 3:15pm all welcome

### **Future Diary Dates**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Play 7pm Village Hall  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch and party - own clothes  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Carol Service 7:30pm Over Wyresdale Church all welcome  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Violin Concert 1:30pm  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Awards Assembly 2:30pm  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - The Dukes Theatre- whole school Beauty and the Beast return for 1pm  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1pm School closes for Christmas holidays

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I would like my child/children..... to attend the Emmett's Kids Club Christmas Party on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed.....

