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Diary Dates

13.12.23	Christmas Dinner
15.12.23	Y1-6 Panto Visit
18.12.23	Early Years Stay and Play
19.12.23	Christmas Baubles and Gifts
19.12.23	Carol Service 1
20.12.23	Nursery/Reception Party
20.12.23	Carol Service 2
21.12.23	Years 1/2 Party
21.12.23	Carol Service 3
22.12.23	Little Explorer's Party
22.12.23	Years 3/4 Party
22.12.23	Years 5/6 Movie Treat
22.12.23	School closes for Christmas

A full list of dates is available via the school website calendar.

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Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 13th December

On Wednesday 13th December all children are invited for Christmas dinner. Children who normally have a school dinner will automatically be included. **If your child normally has a packed lunch**, you will need to inform Mrs Barratt in the school office **by Wednesday 6th December at the latest**, if your child would like a Christmas dinner, she will confirm whether your child is eligible for it free of charge or whether the £2.50 charge applies.

Early Years Christmas Stay And Play - Friday 15th December

Details and information will be sent out direct from the Early Years team very soon.

Years 1-6 Panto Visit - Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December, children in Years 1-6 have been given the opportunity to go to The Tyne Journal Theatre in Newcastle to see Peter Pan. A letter was sent out on 13th November for parents to buy tickets. Remember to let Mrs Barratt know if you need school to provide a packed lunch. If your child is not joining the visit, they will have a lovely morning in school taking part in special Christmas activities with staff remaining behind.

Gifts And Baubles Shop - Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December, Year 6 will be running their annual Christmas gift shop enterprise! You received an order letter on Monday this week (paper copy). If you missed it, please check your child's bag and ensure this is returned before Thursday 14th December.

Christmas Carol Services - 19th, 20th and 21st December

This year we are trying something new. A lot of our children need routine and find this time of year challenging emotionally. To support them, whilst still celebrating the importance of the season, we are returning to a traditional carol service which does not require lengthy periods of practice. All children in Years 1-6 will be involved in the same performances. There will be three performances across three mornings with eighty tickets per performance. Each family is entitled to two free tickets for the performance of their choice. The day before a performance, any spare tickets will be sold at £1.00 per ticket for additional family members on a first come, first served basis. To book your free tickets please complete the google form clicking on the link below. Performances will start at 9:30 am and will last about 45 minutes.

[Performance Booking Link](#)

Christmas Parties - 19th, 20th, 21st December

Christmas parties/whole class treats will take place on the afternoons of the performance days. More details will be sent out direct from the class teachers very soon. Parents do not need to supply food for parties because school will provide small snacks.

Christmas Holiday - 22nd December

School will close at 2:00 pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holiday break and will re-open on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Online Safety Reminders

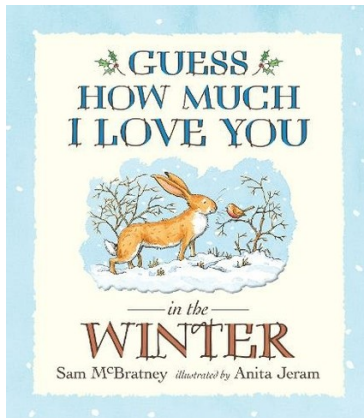
Our DSLs are being sent daily concerns from teaching and support staff about children who are talking about age inappropriate content they have either watched, played or accessed online. The most recent is Skibidi Toilet, which are a series of You Tube videos with scary images.

Allowing your child to watch age inappropriate content with your consent is a safeguarding concern. The effects to your child's mental health may not be immediately obvious and may not surface until much later in their childhood.

However, you may also not be aware that your child is accessing this content, it may be wise to check that the parental controls are set up on any devices they can access. We have attached to this email some online safety leaflets from the National College with advice on age restrictions and setting up parental controls.



Stakeford Story Time



This week's story link is to 'Guess How Much I Love You In The Winter' by Sam McBratney, read by Mrs Fitzsimmons. This is a great story to get you in the mood for Christmas.

[Guess How Much I Love You In The Winter](#)

Story Sharing Ideas:

- After listening to the story a few times, can your child recall the answers to each clue? Early readers could point to the answer word.
- Why not play the game next time you are out and about encouraging your child's vocabulary and/or initial sound recognition.

Current Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy advertised for a **Level 1 Teaching Assistant**. You can see the advert via this link - [Vacancy](#)