15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Christmas Activities**

We are pleased to share the following information with dates of Christmas activities happening across the schools. Please see the information below as there are dates and actions that parent/carers need to be aware of during the lead up to Christmas.

**Cards**

All children will have the opportunity to send Christmas cards to their friends in December. Children will need to bring their cards into school during the week commencing Monday 16 December until Thursday 19 December. Cards will be sorted and distributed to classes. Cards must have **names and classes clearly written** onto the envelopes before bringing to school. **Thursday 19 is the final day to bring cards into school.**

**Parties/Film Afternoons**

The party dates are listed below for each class/year group. We will again be asking parents/carers to provide a small donation of party food to bring on the day. Please pack up a small box with party type food for your own child to eat. This food will be additional to their lunch.

***Please do NOT send in any products that contain nuts as some children in school have severe nut allergies.*** Thank you for your understanding. Children can wear party clothes on the day of their party. For some year groups this is taking place on Christmas Jumper Day.

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| **Year** | **Class** | **Date** |
| Two year old provision | Classroom 5 | Wednesday 18 December PM and Friday 20 December PM |
| Nursery 3 and 4 year olds | Nursery Building | Wednesday 18 December PM and Friday 20 December PM |
| Reception | Class 1 and Class 2 | Friday 20 December PM |
| Key Stage 1  | Class 7, Class 8 and Class 9 | Friday 20 December PM |
| Key Stage 2 | Y3 – BH and NT | Friday 20th December PM |
| Y4 - AD and HF | Friday 20th December PM |
| Y5 – JS/HB and MH | Friday 20th December PM |
| Y6 – TR/SB and MWB | Friday 20th December PM |

**Key Stage and Nursery Concerts**

**Key Stage 1** – Year 1 and 2 concerts will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 10am and 2pm.

**Foundation Stage - Nursery and Reception -** will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 10am and Thursday 19th December at 10am

**Two year olds** – Stay and play and sing along will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 9am-9.45am and 2.15pm – 3pm.

**Christmas Service/Christingle - Deepcar St John’s**

This will take place on Thursday 19th December at 2pm at St John’s Church on Manchester Road. Parents/carers attending the service will be able to take their child home from church, please note children will not have their going home things with them in church these will have to be collected from school.

**Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be taking part in the national ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ for Save the Children. On Friday 20th December children can wear a Christmas jumper and donate a £1.00 via Parentpay.

**Christmas School Dinner**

Christmas dinner date for **Royd pupils’ is Thursday 19th December**. The cost for children in 2 year provision and Nursery is £2.30.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to have this dinner free of charge as part of universal free school meals.

Christmas dinner at **Deepcar St John’s is Wednesday 18th December.** The cost of a junior school dinner is £2.60 and can be paid via your child’s Parentpay account. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals no payment is required.

**Rocksteady Concerts**

These concerts will take place on Thursday 12th December. Royd will be at 2.30pm and Deepcar St John’s concert will be at 10am.

**Choir - Community Engagement**

The Royd choir and Deepcar St John choir are currently negotiating with Belmont Nursing Home about performing some Christmas songs for their residents. Should this be possible, a letter to both choirs will be issued.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher