



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Christmas Performances - The performances this last week have been absolutely wonderful! The children have worked incredibly hard to learn songs, words and dances. We are very proud of them and thank you for your support - an appreciative audience ensured the children enjoyed performing for you all.

Helping Others - St Oswald's Hospice - Over the last few weeks Mrs Brownlee has again sold Beanies, raising a grand total of **£880**. We have supported this very worthwhile cause for many years and in January Amy Slater from the Hospice will visit us in January to thank the children in Assembly.



A huge 'thank you' to our P.T.A. **Friends of Southridge** for organising the Christmas Fair. They worked incredibly hard with many willing helpers on the day. Our PTA had a busy week! - they also organised a disco for the children last Thursday. The total raised from the Fair, raffle and disco was £2,879.16 which was a tremendous amount and will benefit all of the children in our school. Last term the PTA funded some much needed reading books in school. The PTA donated £40 to each year group for class resources / a Christmas treat. They also arranged a special visit in Assembly last Friday from 'Jingle and Jangle'- two of Santa's elves. They led a sing along with all the children and passed on a very special Christmas message for the children from Father Christmas.



Friends of Southridge

Thank you to the companies listed on our Hall of Fame for supporting the PTA and donating prizes:

Christmas Parties - will take place on Thursday next week - please see note in school bags for more information.

Attendance - punctuality and attendance are very important to us as a school. Attendance and lateness are reviewed on a termly basis and staff appreciate your support in ensuring the children arrive for a prompt start to the school day. We know our children love coming to school as our excellent attendance levels place in the top 10% of schools nationally.

After School Clubs – thank you for returning your reply slips. These are being collated and club allocations will be sent out next week in school bags.

(A reminder: Every club will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. They will only be cancelled in an emergency situation. Please be reassured that we will always endeavour to run after school clubs so you do not need to contact school to check during the day. We have also made arrangements with Star Strike Soccer and Access Coaching that they will always run indoor health and fitness related activities in the event of poor weather.)

'Wingin' It' - Having performed their own Christmas Play last week Year 4 had a special treat on Wednesday visiting the Whitley Bay Baptist Church to watch a performance of the Christmas story called 'Wingin' It' .



'Our Core Values' Award - this term we have concentrated on our core values of friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility. In Assembly next Friday staff will nominate two children from each class who have consistently demonstrated these values.



E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers – A reminder that on **Monday 11th January at 9am** Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver an internet safety session for parents and carers.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you all enjoy the Christmas festivities. We look forward to seeing the children when they return to school on **January 5th**. Some diary dates for next term are set out below and will be added to as the term progresses.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. Hall.

Mrs S. Hall
Headteacher



Christmas Clear Out!
If you are clearing out old toys in time for Father Christmas coming and are able to donate any spare Lego for Lego Club, this would increase our capacity - even a sandwich bag of Lego would help!

<u>Dates for your Diary:</u>	
December 15th	Year 1 Performance 2pm
December 16th	Christmas Lunch
December 17th	Christmas Party Day - Reception to Year 4
December 18th	School closes for Christmas
January 4th	Teacher Training Day
January 5th	Pupils return to school
January 11th	E - Safety Session for Parents - 9.00am A session for parents on safe use of computers and the internet. Delivered by Claire Graham - I.C.T. Adviser - North Tyneside Council
January 11th	After School Clubs commence this week for 5 weeks
January 21st	School Meals - Themed Lunch 'Under the Sea'

