



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Christmas Fayre - Thank you for all your support at the Christmas Fayre. Our PTA did a fabulous job in organising this event. An awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes both before and after to make it a success. We raised £3,390.55 - this includes a total of £967.20 from the raffle. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for their fundraising efforts. The PTA have also organised a festive Christmas Disco for the children next week.



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.



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

Our Year 4 Buddies will also receive certificates in recognition of all their hard work in supporting the younger pupils and Mr Bell in their roles around school.

Hearing Tests for Reception pupils. Following a review of the evidence for universal school entry age hearing screening, a decision has been made to discontinue hearing screening for children in reception in North Tyneside. **If you or your child's class teacher is concerned about your child's hearing it is extremely important that you go to your GP, and discuss if a referral to the audiology department is required.** Do not delay going to your GP if there is genuine concern about the hearing. If your child has repeated ear infections ask your GP to refer you to an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist, not audiology.

Outdoor Clothing - please remember to send in warm clothes (hat, scarf and gloves) wellies / snow boots if snow is forecast or has fallen. If children have appropriate footwear and are wrapped up warm they are able to go out and enjoy the snow at breaks and lunchtimes.

Choir Performance - this took place in the hall at the end of their last session and was wonderful! Thank you for supporting the children as it is lovely for them to be able to share their enthusiasm and enjoyment of singing with you.

Christmas Castaways - Year 4 were lucky enough to be invited to Whitley Bay Baptist Church to see a performance of Christmas Castaways. They had an excellent morning and this was a special treat as they have really challenged themselves this term and worked incredibly hard. Jim Crinson, our SIP (Local Authority School Improvement Partner) and recently retired Headteacher visited school last week and he was extremely impressed with the standard of work in their books.

After School Clubs - thank you for returning your after school club requests. The office staff are busy allocating places and the letter advising you which club your child can attend will be put in school bags during the first week back to school in January. Block 1 of clubs start the week beginning 15th January and will run for 4 weeks up until half-term.

The reminders listed below have all been in previous newsletters:

Christmas Lunch on 20th December - We have received the following information from Catering Services:



Please can you pay for your child's Christmas lunch by debit / credit card via JOINOS www.joinos.com Meals cost £2.15 and must be paid for on line. If you do not have access to Joinos can you please contact catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk to set up an account and request a Joinos Code. **Meals are free for those eligible for free school meals and for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 but the children must still be registered on Joinos.** If your child usually has a packed lunch they are still very welcome to order a Christmas Lunch via Joinos.

Christmas Disco - KS1 and 2. The P.T.A are running a disco on Tuesday 19th December in the school hall. Year 1 and 2 are invited to attend at 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. £3 entry on the door.

E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers - On Friday 19th January at 9am. Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver an internet safety session for parents and carers in the school hall. This will be an informative session lasting approximately one hour and is part of our safeguarding agenda to ensure that we work together to protect our children when they are using the internet.

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 with your family. We look forward to seeing the children when they return to school on **January 9th**. Some diary dates for next term are set out below and a full set will be sent out within the first few days.

Diary Dates:

DECEMBER	
19 th	Year 1 Performance 2pm
19 th	G Force Disco Yr 1 and 2 at 5pm - 6pm Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm £3.00 entry on the door
20 th	Christmas Lunch Choir sing in Sainsbury's 1.30pm
21 st	Party Day - Year 1 - 4
22 nd	BREAK UP



In the New Year:

- January 8th - Training Day
- January 9th - Pupils return to school
- January 12th - Faith and Diversity Day
- January 15th - After School Clubs start
- February 9th - Break up for half-term

