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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very long term is finally drawing to a close; the pace is not letting up and there are some final details to share.

### Welcome

Many congratulations on the arrival of baby Evie, a sister for Tyler, the arrival of baby Finn, a brother for Brooke and the early arrival of a baby brother for Annabel, who very sensibly waited until the end of 'Whoops-a Daisy Angel' before putting in an appearance. We hope you all have a special first Christmas together.

### Whoops-a-Daisy Angel



It was lovely to see so many people at the performances of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' by Class 1 earlier this week. They were an absolute delight and performed in a very mature way.

We should like to thank the parents very much who organised the raffle – super prizes and very well supported by fellow parents, families and friends raising an amazing £206 for PTA funds. I should take this opportunity to remind parents that there is a PTA meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at School at 2.30 p.m. A big thank you to Ms Flanagan for the photos.

### Carol Service



Our Carol Service will take place at St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. As parking at the church is very limited, Ward's Garage by the crossroads have kindly said that we can park in their spaces but do make sure you take a torch. If there are two adults in the car, it might be prudent to drop one off with child/children at the church and then go and park.

The ladies of St Patrick's have kindly offered to provide a hot drink after the service. We will bring biscuits for the children but would be very grateful for any donations of mince pies for the adults in the congregation. If you wish to send along a donation, please bring or send them into school on Wednesday morning.

As there will be adults standing with very hot drinks, we shall be asking the children not to run around the church after the service and we hope you will support us in this.

Please can Class 1 come to the church in their costumes, with layers underneath for warmth.

### Maths Morning



Thank you very much for joining us for Class 2 and 3's maths lessons last Thursday. We want to raise the profile of mathematics and keep parents updated with the increased demands of the maths curriculum. To that end, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m. at school, there will be a session for all parents/carers who want to

find out more about how they can support their child at home and also about current assessment expectations. If you are unable to attend, there will be a handout from the meeting.

### Christmas Party

Please can you send in any contributions for the Christmas party on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> December when we will place them in the ICT suite. Non-perishables could be brought in at hometime the night before, if that is more convenient. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to store everything if it is sent in any earlier.

If your child comes to school in their party gear, please make sure they have a warm layer to wear outside at breaktime and a change of shoes if necessary.

### Winter Weather Procedures



We always try, as far as possible, to keep the School open through the winter but we are never sure what the weather will throw at us. If we are unable to open school, we shall send a text message to all parents/carers to tell them school is closed for the day. We shall aim to do this by 8a.m. but there may be circumstances when this is difficult to guarantee.

A list of schools that are closed will be announced on various radio stations and we intend to contact Radio York. As it is difficult to predict when an announcement will be made on these radio stations, you can check for updates on their website. We will send out text messages as soon as possible but on busy days there may be a back log. We also contact the local authority which publicises a list of school closures on their website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

When your child attends school on such a day, please make sure they have suitable named footwear for being outside and a change for indoors. A peg to hold wellies together and a bag to put them in is always useful.

We will clear a path to get into school and we ask that everyone keeps to those paths. Untreated areas will be coned off. Snowy or icy surfaces can be tempting for children but all of our surfaces are hard, and falls in icy weather can be dangerous.

I should like to take this opportunity to pass on good wishes from all of us at Hunton & Arrathorne CP School to you and your families this Christmas and we shall welcome you all back in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*Joanne Grainger*

(Headteacher)

Diary Dates:

20 Dec 2017	School Carol Service at St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton 6.30 All welcome
22 Dec 2017	'The Wizard of Oz' – whole school visit to Georgian Theatre, Richmond
22 Dec 2017	Christmas Party afternoon then break up for Christmas 3.15 p.m.
8 Jan 2018	Staff training Day
9 Jan 2018	School reopens after Christmas break
15 Jan 2018	PTA meeting at 2.30 p.m. at School
5 Feb	Maths meeting at 2.30 p.m. at School



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