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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a good half term break. Considering the clocks have fallen back it seems to be dark both in the mornings and afternoons. Please remember that all children attending after school clubs now need to be collected from school.

DEEL Afternoon

Thank you if you were able to join Class 1 for their recent DEEL afternoon. We hope you found it interesting and useful to share in the children's Phonic Learning.

Open Morning

School will be open on the morning of 12th November from 10-11.15 for prospective new parents to come and meet staff and have a look at our learning environment. If you know of anyone who is currently looking at primary schools with a view to a September 2017 start (it will be here before you know it!) please share this date with them.

Playground Development

The playground alterations are now finished and we feel very lucky to have this lovely new facility. The children are currently taking turns on a rota to access the equipment. To ensure that there is adequate supervision, please can you make certain that your children do not use the new equipment before 8.50 a.m. or after 3.25 p.m. unless they are part of an arranged after school club.



Football



We entered a team in the recent inter-school competition and Mrs Robson was very pleased to see them work together, improving in each match so that they won their final game. Most of our team were not regular football players so we were very pleased that they were willing to have a go.

Parents Evening

Thank you very much if you managed to attend last week's parents' evenings. There was virtually a hundred per cent turn out which we very much appreciated as it presents us with the opportunity to share initial impressions, successes and concerns, giving us time to work towards end of year targets together.

Reading Talk

I am aware that we often refer to the value we place on parental support as part of the development of children's reading but some of you may want reassurance and guidance in this area to ensure that the time you spend together is as enjoyable and as productive as possible. Mrs Robson, who is our English Subject Leader, has planned a talk for parents on Monday 5th December in the ICT suite at 2.45 p.m.



Winter Weather Plan



As the first blasts of winter hit this week, it seems a good opportunity to clarify the arrangements if we have to close the school at short notice due to heavy snow.

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.

If we manage to open on a very snowy day, the children in the school may be based together in the main building and it will be necessary for children to bring a packed lunch with them as it may not be possible for the hot lunches to get through.

A list of schools that are closed will be announced on various radio stations and we intend to contact Radio York and Radio Tees. As it is difficult to predict when an announcement will be made on these radio stations, you can check for updates on their websites. 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

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. Uncleared snow can be tempting but all of our surfaces are hard and falls in icy weather can be dangerous.

Crakehall Church and Shoeboxes

The children's visit to Crakehall last week was very interesting and I hope that the children learnt a lot from the experience. They were extremely well-behaved as was commented on by people attending the service.

The contributions that you sent into school for the shoeboxes led to the children being able to make an amazing forty two shoeboxes that will make a difference to Christmas for less fortunate children. What a terrific effort – thank you.



Children in Need

We usually organise something in order to support Children in Need but we are also aware that we have asked for quite a few things recently so we are planning a non-uniform day on 18th November for which children can bring a donation.

Bags to School

Mrs Godlee has arranged for a 'Bags to School' collection to take place on Thursday 1st December. It's a good opportunity, before Christmas, to make a little space for all of the things that you know will appear in the next few weeks!

'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'

Class 1 is starting to get in the Christmas spirit already with rehearsals for their Christmas play. There will be two performances on Wednesday 7th December – one in the afternoon and one in the evening at the village hall. Tickets costing £1 each will be available from the office next week.



Carol Service



Our Carol Service will take place at St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton on the evening of Tuesday 13th December at 6.30 p.m. so please put the date in your diary. There will not be a tableau scene at the service this year so if you want to see some tea towels and tinsel, you will have to pop along to the village hall to see 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'.

Christingle Service

We have heard from Reverend Laura that there will be an Advent carol service for the local parishes on Sunday 27th November at St Gregory's, Crakehall. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. and the service will begin at 3.30 p.m. They have a choir and there will be some lovely readings and they hope that lots of people will go along.

Joanne Grainger

(headteacher)

Dates for Diaries:

18.11.6	Children in Need
22.11.16	Y4 cluster art morning at Kell Bank CE Primary School
25.11.16	Visit from Bowes Museum
1.12.16	Bags to School
7.12.16	'Busy, Busy Bethlehem' 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
13.12.16	Carol Service
16.12.16	Christmas Party
16.12.16	School closes for Christmas break
3.1.17	Staff Training day
4.1.17	School reopens for children