Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Christmas term there are still lots of things to remember and for the children to enjoy.

**Christmas Fair**

Thank you so much to everybody who helped and attended the Fair last night. We haven’t counted all the money yet, but will let you know how much we raised to buy extra things for the children next week.

**Mrs Redhead**

Mrs Redhead, our Assistant Headteacher, returns from maternity leave next Thursday, 10th December. Miss Horne will continue to teach year 1 full time until after the Christmas holidays. After the holidays Mrs Redhead will teach the class for four days and Miss Horne for one.

**Nativity Play**

The children have all been working really hard with words, music and acting for the last few weeks. This year the play has been specially written for us and has a new variety of Christmas songs. The performances are on Thursday 10th December at 5.00pm and Friday 11th December at 2.00pm. A separate letter has already been sent home about tickets.

**Christmas lunch**

Please make sure you have pre-ordered a Christmas lunch for your child. This will happen on Thursday 10th December.

**Christmas post-box**

Mr Kendall has made a lovely new Christmas post-box. It is located in the entrance hall opposite the front door. If children bring Christmas cards to school for friends please could they label the envelopes clearly with the name and year group. The cards can then be posted and will be delivered to the classes daily by our enthusiastic year 6 post people.

**Theatre in school**

We have arranged for the Artefact Theatre Company to come into school on the afternoon of Monday 14th December to perform a special play called “Jolly Grimm Tales” as an extra Christmas treat. This company is particularly good and has performed for the children several times before. There is no charge for this.

**Music concert**

The children who have music lessons with Mrs Burton will be performing a short musical concert on Wednesday 16th December at 9.30am in the hall. Parents and friends are welcome to come and join us for this.

**Pantomime**

We travel to The Forum for our annual visit to the pantomime on Tuesday 15th December. This year it is “Jack and the Beanstalk”. The children will travel by coaches fitted with seatbelts and arrive back at school as close to normal home time as possible. The cost for this is £14.00 per child, which has been subsidised by school. Please fill in the reply slip at the end of this letter and return it to school with the payment as soon as possible.

Year 3 will have a special pantomime workshop on the following morning, working with some of the actors.

**Christmas Parties**

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| **Monday 14th December** | **Tuesday 15th December** | **Wednesday 16th December** |
| Years 5 and 6 | Key Stage 1 | Years 3 and 4 |

Letters will be sent home next week asking for donations of food or drinks for the party snacks. The Key Stage 1 party will be in the morning. Children may come to school in party clothes for that, but please can they bring school uniform in bags to change into for when we go to The Forum.

For Key stage 2 the parties are in the afternoon so children should come to school in uniform and then change into party clothes at lunchtime.

**Christingle Service**

This lovely service will take place on the last morning of term, Thursday 17th December, at 9.00am in the hall. Please come and join us to sing Christmas carols, the lighting of the Christingles and then stay for coffee and mince pies.

**North West Evening Mail**

Photographs of the nativity plays in Barrow will be featured in the Evening Mail on Thursday 17th December.

**Please note that Term ends at 2.00pm on Thursday 17th January.**

**Spring Term starts on Tuesday 5th January 2016**

**Pantomime**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in year(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the pantomime at The Forum on Tuesday 15th December.

I enclose £14.00 to cover the cost of the ticket and transport.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_