Dear parents and carers,

We are finally ready to share our Christmas Dates with you and what an exciting Christmas it is going to be! Our programme of events is excellent and really puts the children at the heart of our community Christmas celebrations!

Date	Activity	Year Groups	Additional Information
28th November	Boldon Lodge visits	Years 1 and 2	Wear warm coats and shoes as it is outdoors
1st December	Non-uniform day	All year groups	Bring in an item for the Christmas fayre
2nd December	Choir singing at Red House Community Centre	KS2 Choir	Wear school uniform
4th December	Meet the reindeer in forest school	All year groups	Wear warm coats and shoes as it is outdoors
4th December PM	Raffle tickets go on sale for the fayre from the office		
5th December	Red Fox visit to see Santa	Nursery class	Warm coats
6th December	Red Fox visit to see Santa	Reception class	Warm coats
7th December	Christmas dinner day	All year groups	Wear Christmas jumpers
8th December	Santa Dash	All year groups	Wear Christmas jumpers
11th December	Snowtubing	Year 2	See teacher's letter
12th December	Christmas party	Years 3 and Year 4	Bring party clothes in a bag to change into
13th December	Beauty and the Beast Panto	All year groups	
14th December	Christmas party	Nursery and Reception	Come dressed in party clothes
14th December	Christmas party	Years 1 and 2	Bring party clothes in a bag to change into
15th December	Christmas Fayre	All year groups	
18th December 9.30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity		Parents welcome - 2 adults per child
18th December 1.30pm	KS1 nativity		Parents welcome - 2 adults per child
18th December 4pm-6pm	School Christmas disco		School hall – wear your best clothes
19th December	Headteachers movie morning		Maths drop in for parents – come and learn the new maths strategies the children use so you can support with their homework
19th December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas party		Bring party clothes in a bag to change into
20th December 1.30pm	Carol service		
Children break up for the holidays Wednesday 20th December 2023 and return on Monday 8th January 2024			

Following parent's evening, several parents asked if support would be made available to them to help them with issues such as Math homework; especially as methods have changed and the questions become more complex as children progress through the school. For this reason, and in order to support parents, we are going to host a parental drop-in session on Thursday 19th December from 9.15am -10am. Children will go in to their normal classroom doors and then will be taken to the hall. Parents will enter the classrooms they wish to visit, from the yard entrance, where staff will be waiting to support with methods and queries about learning and homework in maths.

Parents made a similar request in relation to the phonics scheme we teach as we use a different scheme and some of the letter sounds are distinctly different. These sessions will take place with Miss Mullen and Mrs Mason in the school hall on Tuesday 16th January at 9.10am.

Finally, as our children are so amazing and loved going to the theatre so much – I have arranged an extra special Christmas treat from Santa! Children from Reception Class to Year 6 will be going on a trip to the Empire Theatre in Sunderland to watch the Disney stage show of Aladdin on the 8th March 2024! More details to follow in the new year…

We hope that all of our families enjoy the run up to Christmas and the children have an amazing time enjoying all of the activities, parties and festivities on offer!

Mrs Robertson

Headteacher