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Merry Christmas from North Park



Parent Governor Advert:

YOU can make a difference
Do you have skills in finance, HR, Education or business?

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor

This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity to support the ongoing success and strategic direction of our school

Please ask the office for an application form if you are interested.

Uniform Reminder for January:

The children have been looking incredibly smart in their North Park uniform. Please make sure your child has their full, correct uniform when they return in January.

The girls can wear school trousers or a skirt but leggings are not permitted.

Black boots and black shoes/trainers only.

The children need to continue to bring in PE kit each Monday to leave in school for the entire week.

Preloved Uniform:

We have a large amount of clean, preloved uniform on offer which would save money and help to reduce landfill waste. If you would like to see our extensive collection, then this will be available in our Nursery every afternoon this week.

Please come to the main office to access this.

Attendance:

Good attendance is vital in ensuring your child makes good progress in school. If children miss chunks of their learning, it makes it very difficult for them to catch up. Please encourage your child to come to school every day. In the winter months, we can all feel a little under the weather, but every school day counts so wrap your child up warm and send them in. They often feel much better when they see their friends!

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event:	Who is involved:
Monday 11 th December am Children can wear Christmas jumpers today	Christmas party (children should come dressed in their party clothes to school)	Nursery and Reception
	North Park's Xfactor all morning	KS2 perform to KS1
	Christmas party (children to bring their party clothes in a bag to change into)	Y3/4 and Mrs Wood's class
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Craft morning with parents/carers 9.15am	Y3/4
	Christmas Craft afternoon with parents/carers 2.30pm	Mrs Wood's class



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Tuesday 12 th December pm	Christmas party (children can wear party clothes to school)	Y5/6
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Craft morning with parents/carers 9.05am	Nursery
	Christingle service in church (Parents invited) 10.30am	Y2
	Christmas party pm (Wear clothes to school)	KS1: Y1 & Y2
Thursday 14 th December	Reception Nativity 9.30am in school	Reception parent/carers
	Carol service in church 2.30pm Parents/carers invited to the church	KS2 (Y3+)
	Sports festival at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Y3
Friday 15 th December Children can wear Christmas jumpers today	North Park League (NPL) Dodgeball (all children need PE kit in school) and Santa run (Santa hats welcome!)	Whole school
	Last day of term: break up for Christmas All children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024	

Attendance information

We know you all wish to work with us and ensure children get the very most out of school by attending regularly and on time. Our attendance policy can be found on the school website and this is in line with DFE guidance, which raises the expectation for children to be in school.

- It is very important to be in school on time – lessons begin as soon as children arrive and if they are late they will miss vital learning in phonics or reading.
Lateness beyond 10 minutes is also classed as unauthorised absence.
- As you know, we are unable to authorise holidays, other than for exceptional reasons. Holidays taken in school time are all referred to the LA.

Our target is for attendance to be 96% or above – well done to everyone who manages this over the year! For this term whole school attendance was **93.7%** - this is below expectation and we hope to improve this, with your help.

TERM		Number of sessions (half days) missed before becoming a persistent absentee
AUTUMN	Half term 1	7 or more (3.5 days)
	Half term 1 & 2	14 or more (7 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING	Half term 1 to 3	20 or more (10 days)
	Half term 1 to 4	25 or more (12.5 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING + SUMMER	Half term 1 to 5	31 or more (15.5 days)
	Half term 1 to 6	38 or more (19 days)