



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

After School Club

It is great to see that after school club is becoming more popular, meaning that we are supporting a lot of parents with childcare after school. To ensure the smooth running of the club, it is imperative that bookings are placed in advance, and where not possible, you contact the school office to enquire about last-minute availability. Pupils can be collected from after school club up to 5.20pm for a charge of £6.00 per day. We are not covered beyond this, and it is not acceptable to collect children later than 5.20pm. More information on after school club can be found on our school website.

Timings of School Gate

Please be reminded that the school gates are opened for breakfast club at 8am and closed at 8.20am. The gates then reopen at 8.40am for the school day starting at 8.45am. There is no planned entry to school between 8.20am and 8.40am.

Chocolate Tombola Donations

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of chocolate for a chocolate tombola taking place at the Christmas disco. Any donations, no matter how big or small, will be gratefully received. We thank you for your anticipated support.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are available from the school office (50p per ticket, £2.50 per strip). There are some fantastic prizes to be won (see below). The raffle will be drawn at the end of term.

- Air fryer
- £50 Amazon voucher
- Jamieson voucher
- Chocolate hamper
- Food voucher
- Costa voucher
- Wine
- Chocolate
- And many more!

Attendance and Punctuality

As a school, we regularly review attendance and punctuality figures. Currently, our whole school attendance sits at around 95%, which is below our target of at least 97%. Parents of pupils who are persistently absent and/or late have received communication from school directly, or from our Attendance Officer at Clennell Education Services. You will find a parent guidance document attached to this newsletter which provides further details on how attendance figures are categorised, as well as guidance on how to support your child to achieve good attendance at school. We encourage you to read this and get in touch should you have any queries.

Christmas Performances

Additional tickets are available from the school office for Christmas performances.

- **EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity** – Wednesday 6th December 10am and 1.30pm
- **KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity** – Thursday 7th December 10am and 1.30pm

Christmas Pantomime

A reminder to complete the consent form and make payment for the Christmas Pantomime visits:

- KS2 – Wednesday 13th December: <https://forms.office.com/e/vWPWNX2h6u>
- Reception and KS1 – Thursday 14th December: <https://forms.office.com/e/Hf0yAhMyk7>

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Wednesday 6th December 10am and 1.30pm - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity

Thursday 7th December 10am and 1.30pm - KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity

Wednesday 13th December - KS2 Pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Thursday 14th December - Reception and KS1 Pantomime at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Monday 18th December – Christmas Lunch

Monday 18th December 9.30am – Early Years Elf Visit

Tuesday 19th December – Santa visiting school

Tuesday 19th December 6pm – KS2 Carol Service at St Aidan's Parish

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Disco

Friday 22nd December - Christmas Fun Day

25th December – 5th January – School Closed for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January – Pupils return for Spring Term