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Newsletter

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Can you believe that we're into week three since half-term? The children continue to show lots of super knowledge, skills, understanding, collaboration and kindness in our efforts to Explore, Dream, Discover: be the best that we can be! Christmas will be upon us before we know it; please see below information and events for the coming weeks.

Christmas Carol Service, Tuesday 17th December (6pm) – Thanks to parents/carers for the feedback regarding the Carol Service. The suggested time change was due to many factors. Clearly there are pros and cons to the different scenarios, but the last thing I would want to do is disrupt what is clearly a special evening and part of everyone's Christmas tradition and routines! We are going ahead with the evening service as originally planned. Please accept my apologies for any unrest caused.

Breakfast and After-School Club – It is great that our wrap-around care is very popular and that the children enjoy attending so much. To ensure the children can continue to enjoy being here safely, we are going to have the following procedures in place:

- Parents/carers to ensure they add their children to the A.S.C. list on the noticeboard, or by contacting the school office.
- Continue to use the playground to access and pick up from Breakfast and A.S.C.
- Parents/Carers to **sign their children in and out of Breakfast and A.S.C. Carolyn (or other staff member) will have a sign in/out file.**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parent Survey - Thanks to all parents who have completed the survey so far. It closes on Friday. If you haven't completed it already, please see links which have been messaged out. Your feedback is much appreciated to help us to develop and improve.

Parent Governor – Last week, we sent out a letter about a vacancy on our Governing Board for a Parent Governor. Any **responses need to be returned to the office by next Wednesday 27th November, 12 noon.**

Link with The Gambia – Mrs Starr collected the very well stocked pencil cases, letters and pictures from our children, to take across to The Gambia next week. I know the equipment will be valued by the children of Favour Nursery School in Bonga. We're looking forward to her return when she will come into school for a collective worship. Thank-you to everyone for your contributions.

The Woodland Trust, Green Tree Award – Our work in Adventure Learning contributes towards this award and I am proud to say that we have achieved bronze status. Please keep looking out for our work in the outdoors. You will notice the logo on the bottom of this letter and certificate displayed in school.



School Music Mark – We are proud to have been recognised as a Music Mark School. This award recognises the value that we place on music and the hard work we do to ensure that our pupils access high-quality music tuition. Another logo and certificate to spot!

Class 2 Haiku Poetry – is on display at Penrith Library until 23rd November. If you are in the area on Saturday, please have a look! We're very proud.

Children in Need– There were some fantastic crazy/beautiful hairstyles last Friday for Children in Need. We raised £62.50. Many thanks for your donations.

The Raven – Look out for more regular school updates in The Raven. Exciting!

Social Media – We continue to share our learning and other experiences on our school Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, please follow our school page and feel free to **like and share** any posts showing the amazing activities and work our children do.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 5 th December 2024	Theatre by the Lake (whole school trip) children to wear uniform and have a packed lunch (order on School Hub/provide from home)
Friday 13 th December 2024	KOSSG Christmas Disco 6 – 7.30pm at the Kirkoswald Village Hall for all children (nursery/reception parents must stay) Free of charge
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Christmas Service (St Oswald's Church, KO at 6pm) children to wear uniform
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day for all children and staff at the Village Hall. School unmanned between 11.45 – 1.30pm
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3pm. Buses collect children at 3pm too
Monday 6 th December 2025	Staff INSET day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School reopens for the Spring term

As always, don't hesitate to see me at the gate or make an appointment if you would like a chat.

Yours sincerely,
Mr L. Andrews
Headteacher

