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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the joy around school this last week or so. It was lovely to see the children and the wider community singing carols together around the Christmas tree last week and we were very proud of all of the children for their participation in the Christmas Service on Tuesday evening. A very festive celebration to really kick off the holiday period. This week continues to be busy with Christmas lunch, parties and lots of other activities to finish the term.

**Christmas Disco** - A huge thank you to KOSSG (school support group!) for organising and running the Christmas disco last Friday. Lots of fun and games!

**Outdoor Play Equipment** – Miss Crollman’s dad has been very busy making us an outdoor equipment trolley (Photos will follow!) We will be stocking it with equipment for the children to enjoy at break times, to help foster their creativity, inquisitiveness and exploration. I would like to reach out to parents for help! We are looking for tyres, good, solid planks of wood, plastic crates and bags of garden gravel. If you have any of the above, or know of anyone who would donate, please get in touch!

**Parent Survey** – Thank you to all parents who completed the survey last month. We really appreciate the feedback and endeavour to continue to drive the school forwards. The survey was of course anonymous; if any parents would like to come in and chat about any of their feedback in person, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Reception Places for September 2025** – The closing date to apply for next year’s Reception places is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. That will soon be here! If you have a child who will turn 5 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, make sure you apply asap! If you would like to come in and see what education we offer at school, you are welcome to make an appointment at a convenient time.

**School Nursery Places** – Our Early Years staff, education and facilities are ready to welcome and nurture children in our school nursery, the term after their third birthday. We can be flexible, and establish a routine that works for children and their families and places are available. Please get in contact if you would like to arrange a visit.

You may know of families in the community that would benefit from the information above. Do share our details if you are happy to.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3pm (Buses at 3pm).  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** School reopens for the Spring term – usual time.

As I reflect now on the term, it is clear to see that the children are happy and safe in our fantastic school, and are developing the knowledge, skills and understanding, helping them to Explore, Dream, Discover: be the best that they can be. There have been many successes over the term and a lot of hard work. It has been a pleasure to lead the school as Headteacher and I am looking forward to seeing what the New Year brings. From all of us at Kirkoswald CE Primary School, we hope you all have an amazing Christmas and a fabulous New Year. We look forward to a well-earned rest, and to welcoming the children back to school for an exciting new term on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

All the very best,  
Mr L. Andrews  
Headteacher

