

**STOP PRESS...****CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**  
*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

**Christmas has started!**

The highlight of my week was the amazing Early Years performance of 'Our first Nativity'. Everyone in the room was bursting with pride as the children sang beautifully and spoke clearly for all to hear. The children have only been in school for around 14 weeks but they were so confident you would have thought they had been at the school for years. A great way to start the Christmas performances, I am now looking forward to many more next week.

On Monday the children spent some time learning about St Andrew's Day. It was great to see the children learning about a patron saint and why a country would want to celebrate a 'Saint's Day'. I shared a story about St Andrew with the children in my assembly and then presented each class with some shortbread to eat as part of the celebration – I think this was the highlight of the day for some!

Some staffing news – Mr Thomas (Deputy Headteacher) is having another hip operation later this month so will be off for around 6/7 weeks from the 14<sup>th</sup> December. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for his up and coming operation. I will keep you posted with his progress.

The PTA have been busy preparing for tonight's Christmas Fete which I am sure will be a great event for all of the family. Next week the Christmas celebrations continue with Christmas dinner on Wednesday along with wearing a Christmas jumper – there is some healthy competition between staff members to have the best jumper but I am sure the children will have the best jumpers!

Lastly, today I presented three more children with a 'Bronze Headteacher Award'. Congratulations to Lillyanna Gibbinson, James McCartney & Lola Gibbs. They were all pleased with their Bronze badge and Arthur Bugler ruler. Well done.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
HeadteacherThis week the **Attendance Bears** have been awarded to**KS1****Class 2****Mrs Seamark/  
Miss Glandfield****100%****KS2****Class 7****Mr Simmonds****99.4%*****Congratulations to both classes!*****Whole School Attendance****96.5%**



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's book fair – we have sold lots of books and will be able to claim a number of free ones as a result.



### Christmas Dinner

If your child wishes to have Christmas dinner, please return the Christmas dinner slip to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, as we need to let our School Cook know the dinner numbers for the big day!



### Christmas Collection

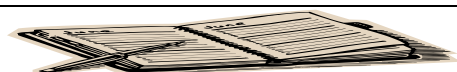
This year there will be a collection at every Christmas performance as parents leave. The children have decided that they would like the money raised to go to Cancer Research and the RSPCA. Two fantastic causes that I am sure everyone will be happy to support.



### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Arrangements for Thursday 10th December (Years 3,4,5&6) – 1/12  
 Mr. Thomas (Class 14) – 3/12  
 PTA Christmas Reminder – 4/12  
 Fencing Club (Years 3-5) – 4/12

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



### December

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	In School	Christmas Fete (3pm – 7pm)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	Year 2 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	Year 1 Christmas Songs (9.15am)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	In School	Christmas Jumper Day
	In School	Christmas Dinner (Whole School)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trip	Christmas Performance at St. Margaret's Church 10.30am – Year 5 with Year 3 singing 1.30pm – Year 6 with Year 4 singing
	Main Hall	KS2 Disco (Years 3/4 3.30pm – 5pm & Years 5/6 5.15pm – 6.45pm)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ICT Suite	EYFS / KS1 Shopping Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	ICT Suite	Years 3 & 4 Shopping Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ICT Suite	Years 5 & 6 Shopping Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	In School	KS2 Behaviour Rewards (PM)
	In School	EYFS / KS1 Class Parties (PM)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	Pantomime in School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>