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NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents/Carers

In the run up to Christmas there is a lot of information in this newsletter – please take the time to read it all the way through!

COWICK STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER FROM 5.00 P.M.

Year 3 have been invited to sing at the switching on of the Cowick Street Christmas Lights in the St. Thomas Precinct. This will take place next week, Thursday 3 December, from 5.00 p.m. with the lights being switched on at 6.00 p.m. Please go along to support this occasion and join in the festivities.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

➤ RECEPTION

Reception classes will be holding their own Nativity service separately, to which parents are invited. Information will be sent home early next week regarding tickets. Details of the Nativity and Christingle dates are given below:

**R1, R2 and R3 - Monday 7 December – 2.30 p.m. in the School Hall
6.30 p.m. in the School Hall**

R1, R2 and R3 - Tuesday 8 December – 9.30 a.m. in the School Hall

➤ KS1 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCE at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET

Wednesday 16 December at 10.00 a.m.

➤ KS2 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCES at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET

Tuesday 15 December classes will attend as follows:

10.00 a.m. - Mrs Price, Mr Roddy, Ms Cashmore, Mrs Blatchford, 5/1 (Mr Smout)

2.00 p.m. - Mr Brook, Mrs Knapman/Mr Haggett, Mr Martin, 5/2 (Mr Mawdsley)

For Key Stage 2 there will be two performances this year, one starting at 10.00 a.m. and the other starting at 2.00 p.m. As space is limited at the Church we would be grateful if you would ensure you only attend the service that your child's class is taking part in – please see above as to which classes are attending which service.

With Year 5, as your child will be in both performances please attend as indicated above, i.e. Class 5/1 parents attend the 10.00 a.m. performance and Class 5/2 parents attend the 2.00 p.m. performance. Doors will be opened after the children are all seated.

For safety reasons, at the end of the afternoon performance, children will be walked back to school before being dismissed. **Please note there is no parking at the Church and that due to very limited space within the hall buggies are not allowed in the main body of the church, but may be left in the foyer if there is sufficient space.**

Also please note that no photographs/videos should be taken during any of the performances due to child protection issues. You will be able to take photographs at the end. A collection will be made at each service and the money will be shared between the St Thomas Methodist Church and the Children's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Could you please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter to indicate whether or not your child would like a Christmas Lunch, whether you pay for school meals or your child is entitled to free school meals. This helps our kitchen staff have an idea of numbers and prepare in advance.

The price of the Christmas meal is £2.20 (for Key Stage 2 children only as Foundation/Key Stage 1 children receive universal infant free school meals) and a vegetarian option will be available. If your child regularly has a school dinner he or she can use their usual lunch tickets but still return the slip at the end of this letter please. Alternatively tickets can be purchased from the office.

AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Class Christmas Parties will be on the afternoon of Friday 18 December. This will be a non-uniform day and children may wear party clothes but please remember that it is winter and they play outdoors, so sensible clothes please.

Once again Year 6 has been invited to carol sing at Isobel Court. This will be during the morning of Thursday 17 December.

FRIENDS OF BOWHILL – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please continue to send in any donations for the Christmas hampers to class – all contributions will be very much appreciated. Also please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible. More raffle tickets are available from the office if you require them. The draw will take place on Wednesday 17 December.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraising event. We raised over £284 for Children in Need– a great achievement and a big thank you to our catering staff for providing the delicious Pudsey Bear biscuits!

FOUNDATION/KS1 SHARINGS

Sharings for Foundation and KS1 will be during the week commencing Monday 15 December, as follows:

- Thursday 17 December – KS1 classes (1/1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 and 1/5) at 9.00 a.m.
- Friday 18 December – Reception classes at 9.00 a.m.

FINALLY A COUPLE OF UNIFORM REMINDERS

- Footwear – children should be wearing sensible school shoes whilst in school. If they wear boots to school can they please bring their school shoes to change into.
- Children with long hair should wear it tied up, plain hairbands please.
- No nail varnish please!

Have a good weekend

Miss Caren Brooks

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please return to the Office

My child(ren) **would / would not*** like to have a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16 December.

(*please delete as appropriate)

My child(ren) would like the vegetarian option.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

Class(es)

