



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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*"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."*



*The staff and governors wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

*School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 8.50am*

## Curriculum News

**Christmas carols are on the website so that your child can practise at home.**

The website will be updated with news of next half term's curriculum during this week. Please keep checking for details.

## Fund Raising

**Disco** - Thank you to the parents who helped at the disco on Wednesday. We made £171.50 which the school council have decided to spend on new play equipment for breaktimes.

**Carol Singing** – Well done to our carol singers who did a marvellous job singing in Whitehaven town centre on Thursday, raising a fabulous £165.89 for our chosen charity

## ATTENDANCE

Please ensure your child gets to school on time. 15minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks of absence over the course of a year and even 5 minutes a day means 3 days are lost over the year. Children are missing important learning opportunities first thing in the morning. So far this year we have had 172 unauthorised absences by just 30 children.

## Christmas Performance

**All children play an important role in our performance so please bring them back to school at 5.30pm on Tuesday for the evening performance in church.**

**Please do not take photographs at any of the church services.**

## Y 5 & 6 visit to Beamish

Due to the severe weather we had to cancel the 5&6 trip to Beamish and as it doesn't fit into our planning for next term, I am afraid we are not able to rearrange. Your child should have brought home a refund or if you paid by Parentmail, your account will have been credited.

## Dinner Money & Outstanding Payments

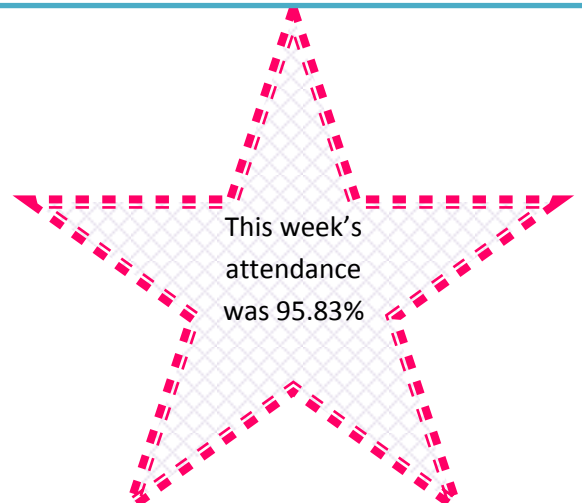
Could you please make sure any dinner money, music invoice payments and cinema money is paid on Monday 14th. Next week will be a very busy week and it would help tremendously if we could get all our records up to date as early as possible. Thank you.

## Reading Books

All children are expected to read at home. Children in year 3 are reminded to take their books home but may need further reminders from you. We do not have sufficient staff to put a book in each child's school bag. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Home-School agreement

All children should have brought home their home school agreement. Please contact your child's class teacher if they haven't.



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## Music Lessons



All music lessons have been cancelled for next week. The invoices that were issued at the beginning of this half were credited for this.

## Afterschool Activities



\* Mondays 3.15pm – 4.30pm – Y5/6 Archery Club at WHYP, last session 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please note that children should be collected from WHYP.



## Dates for your diary

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas lunch & **Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of WCH)**

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Whole school cinema visit a.m. to see 'The Good Dinosaur'

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Our joint carol concert with the Infants School @ 1.30pm. The Junior school will finish at 2p.m. for the Christmas break.

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016** – Spring Term begins

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March 2016** – Year 4 Hawse End trip

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016** - SATS WEEK

**May (after SATs)** –Year 6 London residential

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	Cooked Breakfast  Vegetarian Breakfast	Sausage Rolls Wedges Beans	Christmas Lunch	Packed Lunch / Grab Bags	Battered Cod Chips Peas
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	Tomato Pasta Bread Mixed Veg	Salmon Nibbles Wedges Beans	Vegetarian Christmas Lunch		Cheese Panni Chips Peas
<b>CHOICE 3</b>	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna			Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna
<b>DESSERT</b>	Flapjack served with custard Yogurts Cheese & Biscuits Fruit	Iced Fairy Cakes Yogurts Cheese & Biscuits Fruit			Doughnuts Yogurts Cheese & Biscuits Fruit