**Parent Communication Letter** **- Friday 13 December 2024.**

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| **Academy News**  **Thank You**  Thank you to everyone who has attended our Christmas Workshops and Nativity Plays. These have been so well supported. The children performed beautifully as always.  We look forward to welcoming you to our Key Stage 2 Carol Services on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre yesterday. There was a huge turn out and we raised over £1000, which will go towards enrichment projects for the children.  **Y3 Time and Tide Museum**  On Monday 16th December, Year 3 will be visiting the Time and Tide Museum as part of their learning on the Stone Age.  **KS2 Choir to Lydia Eva Residential Home**  On Wednesday 18th December, the Key Stage 2 Choir will be visiting the residents at Lydia Eva Court to perform some Christmas Carols.  **Christmas Dinner and Party Day**  Our Christmas dinner and Party Day is Thursday 19th December. There is no need to pre-book the Christmas dinner – this can be ordered during morning registration in the normal way.  **Marble Winners Non-Uniform Day**  Every Friday, marbles for each colour team are collected and all four teams have won an equal number of times this half term so all children will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 20th December.  **School Packed Lunches**  Please be aware that as last year, school packed lunches will be removed from the menu choices during the first half of the Spring Term. This is to ensure that during the colder months, the children are having a daily hot meal. Home packed lunches can still be sent in, if you prefer this option.  **Warm Clothing**  Please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing for this time of year. Every child should be wearing a jumper and have a warm coat. Gloves and a hat are advisable wherever possible, children will go out at break and lunchtimes to get some fresh air. If this is going to cause financial anxiety for your family, please come and have a discreet word with us and we will try our best to help.  **Baby and Toddler Group**  As per our letter that went out this week, we are hoping to set up a baby and toddler group after Christmas. This is for any parents with babies and toddlers under 3 who would like to come to a social session with other parents and carers. These sessions will be led by our Family Liaison Officer, Claire Norton, who will always be on hand for a chat and a cup of coffee.  **Attendance Winners**  On Thursday 19th December, we will be holding our termly attendance assembly. All children with attendance of 98% or more will be entered into a raffle to win one of two tablets. Good Luck! |
| **Diary Dates**   * Monday 16 December: Y3 Time and Tide Trip. * Friday 20 December: Last Day of Autumn 2. * Monday 6 January: First Day of Spring Term 1. * Friday 14 February: Last Day of Spring Term 1 * Monday 24 February: Academy Closed for Staff Training. * Tuesday 25 February: First Day of Spring Term 2. |
| **Christmas at Herman**   * 17/12/24 Christmas at the Church YEAR 3 & 4 – 9.30am. * 17/12/24 Christmas at the Church YEAR 5 & 6 - 1.30pm. * 19/12/24 Christmas Dinner and Party Clothes Day. |
| **Weekly Winners**  Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week’s stars are:   * Adventurers: Ava * Explorers: Eleazar * Searchers: Abundance * Seekers: Finley * Pioneers: Adam * Investigators: Esmee * Wayfarers: Lukas * Navigators: William * Creators: Susie * Pathfinders: Noah * Voyagers: Scarlett * Venturers: Harrison * Crusaders: Freya * Discoverers: Emily   This week’s Principal Award goes to Daisy (Y5), Joseph (Y6), Lily (Y6).  This week’s Best Dressed class is Navigators.  This week’s winning marble colour is the RED team! |
| **Attendance**  The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be a Tablet! There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Summer Term. All children whose attendance is 98% or above will have the chance to win.  The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:  Early Years and Key Stage 1: Pioneers  Key Stage 2: Navigators  A big well done to both classes!  We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.  Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school’s attendance is 92.59% this week.  Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities. |