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Newsletter – December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings – 1st and 2nd December

Just a reminder that on Monday 1st December and Tuesday 2nd December you can meet your child's teacher(s) at Parents' Evening. If you have not already booked an appointment you can organise this directly with the class teacher or telephone the school office.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on – 4th December



Families are invited down to Chester-le-Street Market Place on Thursday 4th December from 4pm onwards to be part of the 'Frosty Magic' event. For those who attended last year you will remember there were stilt walkers and pantomime characters as well as the lights switch-on at 5pm. If you would like to go please meet in the Market Place from 4pm onwards.

Attendance Support



Our new Education Welfare Officer is called Danielle Priest who can be contacted through One Point, Chester-le-Street on 03000 269820. Her role is to support pupils and families with any issues regarding attendance. She has already visited school to introduce herself and become familiar with our attendance data.

Parent Governor – 5th December



If you are interested in becoming a parent governor application forms are available from the school office until 5th December for you to complete.

Friends of Bournmoor Christmas Fayre



Many thanks to the Friends who organised yet another excellent annual fayre for families to come along to. The event was very well attended and raised a total of £362.99 which will be spent on pupils. The next meeting for the Friends will be in January and new members are very welcome.



Football Team

Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 are enjoying the chance to be part of our new football team coached by Mr Colling. The aim is to take part in the local league when the season re-opens in the Spring.



Christmas Events – Dates for Your Diary

A reminder of dates:

- 1) 5th December all pupils will watch a pantomime in school (Cinderella);
- 2) 9th December Christmas performances for grandparents;
- 3) 10th December Christmas performance for parents/carers;
- 4) 10th December Christmas lunch for infants and older siblings at 11.45am;
- 5) 10th December at 2pm Christingle Service at St Barnabas;
- 6) 11th December Christmas lunch for juniors at 12.15pm;
- 7) 11th December Christmas performance for parents/carers;
- 8) 17th December activity/party day for all pupils in school. This is a non-uniform day where children complete a range of fun activities and have a party disco in the afternoon in school time.



School of Rock and Pop – Tuesday 16th December Year 5/6

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have been working with a musical group called ‘School of Rock and Pop’ to learn to sing contemporary songs. Parents/carers of Y5/6 are invited along on Tuesday 16th December between 10-11am to hear their children perform them.



Learning about Ghana

Pupils were given the opportunity to learn about Ghana when Mrs Lees, our school governor, came in to share her experiences and photographs in assembly. Mrs Lees has been visiting Ghana for a few years to help promote reading in schools in the north. The children enjoyed seeing what school life is like in Sirigu Schools and finding out how children there are taught to read.

JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER FOR STAFF TRAINING. WE BREAK UP ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER AND PUPILS RETURN ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher