



Introduction

We have had a super week in school – Christmas dinner day was wonderful on Tuesday and I'd like to say a huge thank you to the whole kitchen team for their hard work in putting on such a magnificent spread. The children were really in the festive spirit and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I am continuing to show parents round school for places in reception next September and they are all extremely positive about the school and especially about the children's behaviour.

Christmas Parties



The children will be having their Christmas parties as detailed below. This year, we won't be asking for any money or food for the parties as school will supply this instead. We have indicated below what children can wear on their party day.

Reception, Year One and Year Two: Friday 20th – children can wear party clothes/non uniform all day

Year Three: Tuesday 17th – children should bring a change of clothes with them as it is the concert in the morning so they need to be in school uniform for this

Years Four & Five: Wednesday 18th - children can wear party clothes/non uniform all day

Year Six: Thursday 19th - children can wear party clothes/non uniform all day

Christmas Jumpers



Children may wear a Christmas jumper on the last day of term if they want to. Children in Key Stage Two should wear normal school uniform with this. Reception, Year One and Year Two will be in party clothes/non-uniform as it is their party day (they may want to wear a Christmas jumper as part of their outfit of course).

We will not be asking for money to wear the jumpers, but will be holding collection at the 'carols in the playground' towards the defibrillator for which Martha in Y6 is raising money. It would be lovely to see parents/carers/grandparents in your Christmas jumpers when you come to this event too.

Nativities and Christmas Shows



We are almost there with the end of term plays and shows.

Tickets are bookable on the online parents evening system:

<https://acomb.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Reception – 4 tickets **per child**. Please note that wherever possible, pre-school siblings should not attend as it can be very distracting for the reception children who are performing.

We supply all costumes, there is nothing for parents/carers to do other than turn up to watch!

Y1 & Y2 – 2 tickets **per child**

As in reception, we supply all costumes, there is nothing for parents/carers to do other than turn up to watch!

KS2 – This is not ticketed. There is room for just under 200 in the audience so space is very limited and no more than 2 adults per child should come.

Please note that the gates at the back of school will be open and the church car park will be open for parking for the KS1 performances and the carols in the playground.

Keeping our children safe

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Dates

We have lots of important dates throughout the school year and keep our school calendar up to date on the website. It is a Google Calendar and will sync easily with your phone or tablet.

You can see this calendar at: <http://www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/>

December			
Mon	9	6pm Choir Concert at Gateway Centre	
Tue	10	1.30pm KS1 Nativity	
Wed	11	9.15am KS1 Nativity: pre-school siblings may attend this performance	
Wed	11	7.30pm Y6 singing at Minster Service	
Fri	13	Y3 going to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	
Tue	17	10.00am KS2 Christmas Concert	At the Gateway Centre in Acomb
		pm: Y3 Christmas Party (in school)	
		1.30pm Reception Nativity	At the Gateway Centre in Acomb.
Wed	18	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Party	
Thu	19	Y6 Christmas Party	
Fri	20	am: Reception and KS1 Christmas Party	
		Carols in the playground at 1pm	All welcome and children may go home after this.
		School closes for Christmas Break	
January			
Mon	6	8.45 School Opens for all children	
Tue	14	Young Voices Concert for Y5	

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Year 3 Classes

REMINDER

On **Friday 13th December** we are taking the Year 3 children to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Grand Opera House. We shall travel by coach and arrival time back at school will be approximately **4pm**. The children will all need a packed lunch and a drink to eat before we leave. As usual, no nut products please. In order to cover the cost of tickets and transport we would greatly appreciate a donation of £13 per child, via ParentPay. (All parent volunteer tickets have now been allocated). Thank you, R. Sarson and D. Baldwin

Tickets for Nativities

REMINDER

Tickets can be booked for **Reception, Y1 and Y2** nativities now using the parents evening booking site:

<https://acomb.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Each child in Y1 and Y2 has been allocated **two tickets** which can be booked for either Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm or Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am (or you can book one for each performance).

Each child in **reception** has been allocated **four tickets** for the single performance on Tuesday 17th in the Gateway Centre starting at 1.30pm. The centre will be open earlier for tea, coffee and mince pies while we get the children ready.

Carols in the Playground – Friday 20th December

REMINDER

On the last day of term, we are holding our annual Christmas singing in the KS2 playground for the whole school at 1pm. There will be some songs that the whole school will sing and others for year groups to sing for us. I hope that you can all join us for this – it is a lovely way to finish the term and children may be taken home once it is finished (usually around 1.40).

For children in Y5 and Y6 who normally walk home, permission to leave at the end on their own can be given by writing a note in their planner (this must be signed by a parent/carer).

School will of course be open till 3pm for any children who need to stay.

A reminder that the out of school club will close promptly at 5pm on that day also.

Christmas Jumpers

REMINDER

The School Council is on a mission to save unwanted festive clothes heading to landfill.

With this in mind we have organised the 'Great Christmas Jumper Swap!' Starting Monday, please donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers (**adults and children's sizes**) to our collection in return for a Christmas token. On Thursday the 12th December we will hold a Christmas Jumper Swap where you can come along and exchange your token for a new Christmas Jumper to wear for the festive season. Please see attached poster for more information or ask a class representative.

Out of School Club

REMINDER

A reminder that OOSC is closing **promptly at 5pm on Friday 20th December**, the last day of term. Please let us know if you have a regular booking but will be collecting earlier instead or taking your child home after the carols on the playground.

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THE CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP!

Please bring in any unwanted
Christmas jumpers to the
school office by

Wednesday 11th December.

The more, the merrier!

You will be given a token to
exchange for another
Christmas jumper on...

**THURSDAY 12TH
DECEMBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
AT 3PM**

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Archbishop Holgate's School

A Church of England Academy Founded 1546

The
**Guiding
Light**

Christmas Carol Service 2019

York Minster **Wednesday 11 December** at 7.30pm
(Doors open at 7.00, please be seated by 7.20)

Preacher **Revd Paul Deo**
(Vicar of Heworth Christ Church)

**You are invited to join the community
of Archbishop Holgate's School for their
annual Carol Service to be held in the
Nave of York Minster.**



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