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*Happy Christmas to all our families*

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and most productive term, but think everyone is ready for a break.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December – last day of term. Early pick up**

As Thursday is the last day of term, you will be able to pick your child up early, if you wish to.

**Please come to the school yard and collect your child from the usual place between 1pm and 1.30pm only.**

After 1.30pm, the gates will be closed until the usual pick up times.

If your child is leaving school early and walking home on their own, please email the class year group email address so the teachers know you have agreed to this. We cannot allow any child to leave early unless we have permission from an adult.

Children who are not leaving school early will stay with their class teacher until the end of the school day. Thank you.

**Y5 swimming**

Please remember that swimming restarts for Groups 1 and 2 on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Reading for pleasure**

The children will not be bringing home a Read Write Inc. phonics book home over the Christmas

period. We will still be sending home a reading for pleasure book for you to share and enjoy with your child alongside your books from home.

### **School traffic emergency services**

Please read this article which has been sent to all schools from the Local Authority:

<https://www.twfire.gov.uk/news/firefighters-experience-the-consequences-of-inconsiderate-school-parking/>

### **Mass times over Christmas**

You can find church bulletins on our school website.

*Here are the Christmas mass times:*

#### **Christmas Eve**

5.30pm Carols & Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay,

7.30pm Carols & Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton.

#### **Christmas Day**

10.00am Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

### **Christmas Jumper day**

Please remember it is Christmas jumper day on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. Many thanks in advance to everyone who donates money to Save the Children.

### **Disabled parking bays**

Please only park in the disabled bays if you are a blue badge holder. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Interim Reports (academic information sheet)**

Your child will bring home an interim report this week. Please be advised this is an indication about their current attainment and effort in school. These will be sent out termly and I hope you find them useful. As always, please contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or anything you wish to discuss at any time.

### **Safeguarding**

Please read information found on the NSPCC link explaining how to keep your child safe in various ways.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

### **'Online safety' session for parents and carers**

You are all warmly invited to attend an Online Safety session in the school hall on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.30pm. This will be presented by Clennell, our Safeguarding advisors, and will contain helpful information about keeping your children safe online. The session will run for less than an hour. Please collect your child as normal and make your way to the school hall. We will arrange to look after your children within school while you attend this.

Thank you for the support you show us in school, we really appreciate it.

Thank you to all staff who work so hard for all our pupils in school.

Thank you to our Governors who give their time so freely to support our school.

Have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year, on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

Kindest regards,

*K.L. DiMambro*

Mrs K DiMambro,  
Head Teacher.

