



Newsletter No 3
Autumn Term
29th November 2019



Medication

Please remember that we are unable to give medication to children unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and an administering medicine consent form has been filled out from the office. Please do not send children into school with cough sweets or the like as we are unable to consistently monitor the self-medicating and do not want them being shared around.

The Sun Books for Schools

We have signed up for this scheme where you collect tokens for us when you purchase The Sun newspaper between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January. We need to collect 3500 tokens to get £600 of books, so please ask friends and family to collect them too.

Open Afternoon

Join us on Thursday 5th December at 3.30pm to visit the classrooms and explore your child's learning this term.

Advent Market – Friday 6th 2.30pm

Children are invited to come to school in home clothes next **Wednesday 4th** in return for a chocolate donation for the FOSB Advent Market.

The Advent Market takes place next **Friday 6th December**. Lots of fun stalls and opportunities to start or finish your Christmas shopping, as well as meet Father Christmas himself. FOSB are busy selling tickets outside school every drop off and pick up.

FOSB are collecting old Christmas jumpers to sell at the Advent Market so if you have one you can donate we would be very grateful and fingers crossed you can buy one back at bargain price!

Christmas Events and Dates

- Please as we approach this busy time can I remind all parents that we operate a **NUT FREE policy** in school as we have children with severe allergic reaction to nuts and nut products. Please be especially mindful when donating food for the children's celebrations at the end of term. Thank you.
- We request for all Christmas performances that younger siblings do not attend and that provision for them is made with friends, relatives and neighbours. We feel this is necessary due to the interruptions experienced in the past which were so off-putting for our young performers. All children in school will see the dress rehearsals. If your child is a Beacon, we can make special arrangements for them to see the dress rehearsal of their older sibling(s). Please speak to Mrs Watts regarding this.
- We do not issue tickets for performances, but trust parents will be mindful as to how many people we can fit into the hall for each performance. Thank you.

Performances

We are unable to allow photographs or videoing during school performances. As a school our priority is to safeguard ALL children. Please be considerate of the position that some parents are in with regard to the safeguarding of their own children, as demonstrated by a message from one of the families this affects:

As parents, we would like to thank you for not taking photos or videos at school performances.

Our children were taken out of situations which were very dangerous for them. This rarely happens with the consent of the adults involved so it's vitally important that those adults don't discover the children's whereabouts. Social media is a nightmare if you're trying to keep something secret. There's no way of knowing who is friends with whom, and where photos and videos will end up being shared. If a child is recognised, particularly when linked to a specific place like a school, it's very straightforward to locate them. Our children have already had a difficult start to life. Excluding them from school performances or singling them out by obscuring their faces (both of which have been suggested) will make things still harder for them. We appreciate that it's a pity when we don't have a digital record of an event in our child's life. But we hope you'll appreciate that it's a small price to pay to save families from having to move to a different part of the country - or indeed suffer something considerably more serious.

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We will, however, be taking appropriate photographs of the performances in school and then loading them onto our various Social Media sites for you to download. There will be a variety of individual, group, action and whole class photographs to provide you with treasured memories of these special events.

At a glance, dates for you to remember:

Tuesday 10 th – Fri 13 th December		Christmas Shop Open – look out for information letter coming home in Book Bags.
Wednesday 11 th December	10.00am	Y1/Y2 performance for parents
Thursday 12 th December	10.00am	FS2 performance for parents
Thursday 12 th December	2.30pm	Y1/Y2 performance for parents
Thursday 12 th December	7.00pm	Dance Club Performance
Friday 13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – donations on Parent Pay to Save the Children.
Friday 13 th December	10.00am	Beacons performance for parents
Monday 16 th December	2.30pm	Y3/Y4 performance for parents
Tuesday 17 th December	All Day	FoSB Donated Planetarium Experience
Tuesday 17 th December	7.00pm	Y3/Y4 performance for parents
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00am	Nine Lessons and Carols Service at St Breock Church Y1-Y6 will walk to the Church and back together for the service.
Wednesday 18 th December		Christmas Lunch Choir Celebration
Thursday 19 th December	Morning Afternoon	Christmas Craft Morning Reading Partner Present Exchange
Friday 20 th December		Class Christmas Party with party food lunch.
Monday 6 th January 2019		School re-opens to children for the Spring Term

In more detail:

Thursday 17th December

Planetarium Odyssey. FoSB have donated a day of Space Odyssey Planetarium Experience to which all classes will attend. They are also offering an extended session from 3.30 -4.15pm at a cost of £4 per Adult and £2 per child, cash on the door.

Thursday 19th December



Christmas Craft Morning. All the plans are in place, BUT we need helpers on the day. Helpers who are able to glue and stick and cut and cook and be jack-of-all-trades. If you can bear to tear yourself away from the mince pie baking we would love your help. Please see your child's class teacher or give your name in at the office. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch.

In line with the universal free school meals initiative, children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 will receive their meal free of charge and we will presume that they will be having one. **If you have a child in FS2, Y1 or Y2 and you do not wish them have a Christmas Lunch then please let the office know.**

For children in KS2 there will be the normal charge of £2.20 for our Christmas Lunch to be paid vis Parent Pay. **We will presume all children in KS2 will be having a Christmas Lunch, for numbers so please let the office know if this is NOT the case.**

Thursday 20th December



*Years Five & Six wish to invite
All children and their parents and friends and family
on
Wednesday 18th December at 10.00 am
for their
Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
at
St Broke Church*



With the exception of FS1 and FS2 we will be walking up to the church at 9.00 am ready for this special service. If you could arrive and be seated by 9.50 am at the latest we can have a prompt start. Parking should be adequate if we all park "prettily". Also could we possibly organise a one way system into and from church? Please come down to church using the road across from Tregonnings just past Tesco's and leave via Whiterock Road. That way we should be able to keep the traffic flowing. Should the weather be seriously adverse we will make suitable adjustments to these arrangements and we will, of course, inform you nearer the time.

The children will walk back to school with the staff for their Christmas Lunch which will be all prepared when we arrive!

Foundation Two pupils will not attend the church service unless they have older siblings and their parents wish them to attend, in which case they will walk to and from the church.

Friday 20th December

Party Food Lunch. Party Lunch will replace usual school dinner arrangements and a list for your contributions is with your class teacher. Please sign against the item you wish to contribute a **SMALL** offering would be most welcome to make our parties go with a swing. Thank you.



Present Exchange. The children traditionally exchange Christmas gifts with their reading partner (Y1 up. FS1 & FS2 have their own exchange partners within the class and information on this will come home nearer the time). The gift should cost **NO MORE THAN £2 or £3** and be wrapped and labelled with both names. We have raised the price guide in response to a parent discussion at the School Forum. Parents expressed the desire to try to avoid sweets and chocolate as gifts and felt raising the limit would allow a little more freedom. Giving is a very important lesson to learn and gives far greater satisfaction than receiving – we are sure you will agree and do hope you will feel you can contribute to your child's learning and growth in this small way. So we can keep a track of all the presents we would ask that all presents are handed to the class teachers **by Friday 13th December.** Thank you.

