



**Friday News**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

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**HEALTHY SNACKS** Remember children in KS2 are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school with them to enjoy during morning break. This can be a piece of fruit or cereal bar, no crisps, sweets, nuts, biscuits or chocolate please. Children in KS1 are provided a healthy snack free of charge by the school.

**CHRISTMAS BAUBLE LOTTERY** Baubles on sale at the School office from 9.00am every week day morning week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - there really are some wonderful prizes up for grabs, including over £100 worth of vouchers! Baubles priced at £1.50 each – be in it to win it!

**SCHOOL CLOSURE** Sincere apologies to everyone for any inconvenience caused by the school closure on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. As a result of the severe stormy weather, parts of the roof leaked subsequently causing flooding. Can I reassure parents that contractors are working hard to resolve this situation. As stated in Jon Holden's letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, copied to parents earlier this week, our kitchen has been seriously disrupted. However, meals will be prepared off site and delivered to the school so that there will be no disruption to children taking school meals. Thank you to Mrs Leak and Miss Price who have both coped admirably with the situation.

**AS WINTER** approaches, the school must consider what would happen in the case of heavy snow fall! Should this occur can parents please put in place a contingency plan as the school would have to be CLOSED. Parents would be notified of this decision at the earliest opportunity via our texting service – so please ensure your contact numbers are up-to-date.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of our Bake Off! In the parent category Sarah Timbrell stole the show with a beautiful iced cake, whilst in Key Stage 1 Teddy Davy with runner up Ellie Atkinson were awarded prizes. In Key Stage 2 Jack Whieldon and runner up Freya Macdonald were announced as winners. Judging was incredibly difficult, with lots of absolutely wonderful cakes and bakes entered into the competition. A MASSIVE thank you to absolutely everyone who supported this competition. The school managed to raise a remarkable £80.00 which will be put towards the cost of installing an outside classroom/gazebo.

**HEALTH MATTERS** We have been made aware of a case of Scarlet Fever in the school. If parents have any concerns then please contact their GP and/or health visitor. Thank you.

**BENTHAM PANTOMIME** are still looking for persons to act as 'villagers' and 'wolves' in their New Year production. If you would be interested in one of these roles, please contact Linda Kandlar (Alma's mum) on 015242 62970. Alternatively, go along to the rehearsal which is taking place at the Methodist Chapel at 2.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Rehearsals for the Pantomime will take place on Sunday afternoons from 1.00pm to 2.00pm after Christmas.



As the big 'C' word races towards us, time seems to run out! Why not make use of the school's excellent After School Club provision for childcare and give yourself some extra time to do that Christmas Shopping? Sessions run from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. A full session is priced at £7.50 per child with a £6.50 sibling rate and includes a snack and healthy tea-time meal, whilst the Early Bird Session runs from 3.30pm to 4.45pm priced at £5.00 per child and including a snack. There are lots of activities to enjoy at After School Club, including art, games, creative play and much more.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** Studies have shown that those children with a good attendance ethos at primary level, tend to continue with the trend throughout their educational journey and working lives. During the previous week our attendance percentages were :

Class One	90.45%	Class Four	96.67%
Class Two	94.81%	Class Five	100.00%
Class Three	93.93%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently 96.8%. For our school to be judged as 'Outstanding' we need to have an annual attendance percentage of 97% or above. We would once again request that parents please consider the attendance factor when arranging holidays etc., during term-time. Thanking parents in anticipation for their continued support, understanding and co-operation.

**DISABLED PARKING** Can parents please ensure that they do not park in the Disabled Parking spaces when collecting children from school, these spaces should be left available for Disabled Parking Permit holders only – thanking everyone for their co-operation.

### WE HAVE OPENED ANOTHER SHOP

**Uniform and Leisurewear** (formerly Mikes Sports World) the supplier of our school uniform, have opened another shop in central Lancaster at 15 Common Garden Street. Opening times are Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 5.30pm. For more information please visit [www.ualonline.co.uk](http://www.ualonline.co.uk) or telephone 01524 388355

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR** Can we just take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

Date	Time	Event	Class
15/12/15	1545	Early Years Christmas Disco	Early Years
15/12/15	1200	Christmas Lunch	ORDER ASAP
15/12/15	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day	All
15/12/15	1830	Christmas Carol Service in School (Classes 3,4 and 5)	All Welcome
16/12/15	1500	Auction Mart Carol Service	
17/12/15	PM	Christmas Party Time	All Classes
18/12/15	1530	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	All
05/01/16	0850	School Re-Opens	All

