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Dear parent/ carer,

I would like to congratulate all of the wonderful children and staff in reception, year 1 and year 2 for putting on such a fabulous performance of *A Magical Christmas Journey* for us all. They put on three performances; a dress rehearsal to the whole school and two shows to adults. In all three they sung beautifully, spoke clearly and acted with confidence and joy. I was absolutely blown away by the confidence our year 2 actors exhibited - we certainly have some budding stage stars and comic actors of the future in our midst. Reception and Year 1's singing and dancing was also so wonderful to watch. It was really clear to see how much the children were enjoying themselves on stage.

Thank you to all the staff in the reception, year 1 and year 2 teams, who have been working incredibly hard to put on these performances, all of the parents and carers who have been providing costumes and diligently practising lines and to the PTA for providing refreshments.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 – we are so proud of you all. Well done!





Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Christmas Fair last Friday! It was certainly very busy and filled with festive cheer. It raised a whopping £1800. We are so grateful to every member of the PTA for all the work they do to support us at school – it really does make a massive difference.

Coloured Hamper Raffle

We still have one unclaimed coloured hamper that is tempting us all in the staffroom. The phone number we had on the raffle stub does not seem to be working. If you have ticket number 01370, please do come forward and claim your prize.

Information for next week!

I know this time of year is ridiculously busy for everyone. If you are struggling to keep up with any Christmas admin, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

On Wednesday, we will be going to church in the morning and then we will have our Christmas Parties in the afternoon – please can children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2 come into school in their uniform rather than their PE kits on this day please.

The Christmas services will be at 10am for EYFS and KS1 and at 11am for KS2. Reverend Kath has asked me to let you know that there is a communion service in church before our Christmas Services, that will be finished by 9:30. Please do not arrive in church before 9:45 and please allow someone from the church to guide you to your seats so you do not end up sitting where the children will be.

It was wonderful to have so many parents/carers help us to walk to and from church last time and it would be great if anyone who is available could help us again.

On Thursday, Kerry, our wonderful cook, will be treating us all to her famous Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to ramp up the festivities!



A beautiful rainbow over the school playground when we had a play after the dress rehearsal on Monday and year 4's Christmas Tree creation.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

December 2024	
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Wednesday 18 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2 If you can help us walk to and from church, pleased do let us know!
Year 3 and 4 Football Finals	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Lunch (Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers)	Thursday 19 th December
Music Assembly	Thursday 19 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024
January 2025	
Back to School	Monday 6 th January 2025
Parent Open Evening – <i>an opportunity to come into school and see your child's classroom and their work</i>	Wednesday 22 nd January 2025 3:30pm – 5pm
Maths Day	Wednesday 12 th February 2025
Last day of half term for pupils	Thursday 13 th February 2025
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 14 th February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24 th February 2025
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th March (until 7pm) Wednesday 19 th March (until 6pm) Thursday 20 th March (until 6pm) <i>Teachers will be available on two out of the three nights.</i>
Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Friday 21 st March 2025
Year 3 and 4 Production	Wednesday 26 th March 2025 (6pm) Thursday 27 th March 2025 (6pm)
Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday 2 nd April 2025
School closes for Easter	Friday 4 th April 2025

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

- **Parent carer forum newsletter**
- **What parents and carers need to know about teaching cycle safety**

TUBS TO PUBS.

We love indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year.

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste, please bring your clean empty tubs into school from now until 8th February 2025 to be recycled.

All tubs will then be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. **Over £12,000 was raised last year.**

Thank you.



Services at St Nicholas in December

Dec 8th

10.30am St Nicholas Day Holy Communion

Dec 15th

10.30am Holy Communion

3.00pm Discover Christingle

Dec 20th

6.00pm Carols on the Green

Dec 22nd

7.00pm Carol Service

Dec 24th

5.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Dec 25th

10.30am Christmas Communion

Dec 29th

10.30am Benefice Communion Service



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CHRISTINGLE 2024

A *CHRISTINGLE* is a symbol of light and hope that is used to tell the story of God's love for the world at Christmas. You are invited to join us as we *DISCOVER CHRISTINGLE*.



SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

**St Nicholas Church
Dunnington**

3-4pm There will be Christmas crafts, tabletop games and prayer stations.

4-4.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE including building your own Christingle.

4.30-5pm REFRESHMENTS

Our Christingle activities will be suitable for children and adults. Everyone is welcome to come along to all or part of the afternoon. Children must be accompanied by a grown up.

Donations will be collected for the Children's Society.



Trans Pennine Kids Activity Pack

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website.

Once again, the pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the Christmas break.

The pack will encourage them to embark on a Winter Treasure Hunt, solve a word scramble, and test their knowledge with a fun quiz. They'll also be able to craft a hanging star decoration and make wildlife-friendly magic reindeer food to spread a little holiday magic. And they'll be able to delight family and friends with a selection of Christmas cracker jokes guaranteed to bring a smile to the face.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as

necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF.

All they need to do is email us their address to info@transpenninetrail.org.uk and we will post it out to them. Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>