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A note from Mrs McNeil....

I can't quite believe I'm writing the final newsletter for our school for 2024! The first half of this session has been very productive and successful for all our learners. The children continue to thrive and live out our values in their daily life.



The first South Park Giving Day was held on 27th November and was a huge success. The children went out and about in the community giving their time and skills to many groups. The children were an absolute credit to you and the school and truly understand how important kindness is.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all families to our Christmas Family Fun night where we have lots of Christmas activities planned to help us all celebrate together! The children are the heartbeat of this school and I look forward to making the festivities as enjoyable as possible and remember especially at this special time of year where the focus is very much on 'Children First'. I wish every family a very happy Christmas and hope the New Year brings all of us much happiness and health. As usual, if anyone has any issues or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school.

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th December Christmas Fayre 6-7.30pm



Friday 6th December Christmas Around the World Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 9th December P7 Lockerbie Meeting 6pm

Thursday 12th December Christmas Lunch for children

Friday 13th December Santa Dash Marshmallows Hot Chocolate and Fire Pit with HT Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December Nursery Snowball Singalong 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 17th December P1-P3 Nativity 2pm



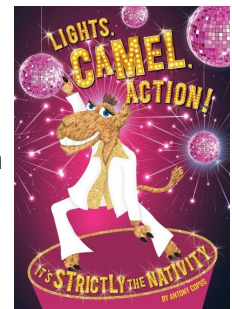
Wednesday 18th December Christmas Party Day with a special visitor

Thursday 19th December Christmas Service at Westwood Baptist Church 10am

Friday 20th December School Closes for Christmas @2.30pm

Nativity

We are delighted and very excited to be holding our annual Nativity 'Lights Camel Action!' The children are working very hard rehearsing the words and we look forward to welcoming our parents/carers at **2pm on Tuesday 17th December**.



As was the tradition prior to the pandemic the seating arrangements are P3 parents at the front followed by P2 and then P1. It is P3's last Nativity and our P3 class take on the main leading roles. We follow this every year so it means by the time this year's P1's are in P3 and have a leading role their parent/carers will be at the front of the audience. Many thanks for your support with this.



Christmas Family Night is coming...

On **Thursday 5th December from 6-7.30pm**

the PTA and staff are holding a family Christmas fun night. There are many activities for all the family and our usual visitor will be in his grotto. . **if possible bring a donation for the adult or/and children's tombola. All donations will be gratefully received at the gates by staff.**



Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be supporting 'Save the Children' by participating in **Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas sparkle day on Friday 6th December**. Please do not feel you need to purchase a new jumper as this is not necessary. A piece of tinsel a sparkly hairband etc is more than adequate. Buckets will be at the gates and all donations will go to this worthy cause.

Church Service

All parents/carers are invited to join us in our Christmas service at Westwood Baptist in the morning of Thursday 19th December at 10am. All classes will be participating and we look forward to seeing you there.



We need your help...Skills Academy

Next term we are hoping to run a skills academy on a Wednesday afternoon for P4-P7 from 1.30-3pm. We really want to utilise all our facilities and for us to effectively develop the children's cooking ,creative, communication and innovation skills we need your help. If you are able to volunteer for the hour and half on Wednesday's it means we can take our children out into the community. Depending on the number of volunteers we receive will depend on the structure of the skills academy. If you can help please contact the office and we will be in touch in January 2025. Many thanks for your continued support with this important opportunity for our children.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 18th December. Children should wear party clothes. Juice and a snack will be provided for each child. Children in P1-3 and nursery children will receive a special gift from a special visitor.

Sickness

If your child/children are vomiting or/and have diarrhoea it is important that they do not return to school for 48hours following their last episode of sickness. Many thanks with your assistance with this as we hope to keep everyone well for Christmas.

Winter Clothing

As we enter into the cold weather it is important the children all come to school appropriately dressed. We always hold spare gloves, hats and jackets in school and if you are short of any items please do not hesitate to contact me at the school for support with this.



Lost Property

Outside the front door there is 4 rails of lost property unnamed. Please have a look and help yourself. Anything unclaimed by the end of our nativity on the 17th December will be taken to the local charity shop.

Twitter Account

We are posting our achievements, learning and activities on our school Twitter account. Please make sure you request to follow us at [@SouthParkEk](https://twitter.com/SouthParkEk). Twitter is now known as X and is free to download. If you do not wish your child to appear on any twitter feeds then please notify your class

