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Dear parents/carers,

I'm very pleased to be able to share with you our Christmas Newsletter, which gives details about all of the wonderful events and fun we have in store this December for our school community as we get excited about Christmas.

However, as you will be aware, the continued threat of COVID-19 has yet again increased due to the presence of the new Omicron variant in the UK. The government guidance has now changed regarding COVID safety in schools, and we have had to consider this when reviewing our plans for Christmas events.

Thankfully, we are still able to continue with all of the 'in-person' events we have planned, but must make you aware that these are subject to change with little notice in response to COVID-19 infections and ask you to support us by fully adhering to any protective measures we put in place in school and at our Christmas events.

Thank you for an amazing first term at Aston Hall, I hope you find the following information useful and all that's left to say is that I wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Mr Holmes
Headteacher



COVID-19 Protective Measures at our Christmas Events:

All staff, visitors and parents must wear a face covering when in school unless exempt. Hand sanitiser is regularly available and should be used by all entering school premises. Due to good ventilation measures in place at our events, it may be quite cold and we would advise warm clothing / coats despite being inside. Social distancing will be encouraged with spaced seating for shows. We will be using an NHS test & trace QR code check-in service for all Christmas events where parents enter school. Full details are in our COVID-19 risk assessment which has been updated and will be on our website by the end of this week.

Christmas Fundraising:

Thank you for your amazing efforts this term with fundraising in school, including over **£3000** for Children in Need and your contributions to the Christmas Fayre.

We have two more fundraising activities this Christmas, before things quieten down in the Spring term. Details of both can be found later in this newsletter, but we are proud to be supporting Save the Children, as well as two local charities, Sheffield Children's Hospital charity and Rotherham Hospice.



Thursday 2nd December:

KS1 Red Riding Hood Panto

Our **KS1** children will enjoy a visit from Chaplin's Mini Pantos with a production of **Red Riding Hood**. Packed solid with comedy, songs, adventure and child participation, we're promised they will roar with laughter at the comedy antics of their hero, Posh Bert, and the comic dame, Mrs Hood, and they will shout as they have never shouted before when they warn Red Riding Hood not to enter the woods alone.



Tuesday 7th December:

Christmas Fayre

From 2:30pm-4:30pm. Entry via **main reception**. You may collect your child early from class at **2:30pm** and enter the fayre via reception. If your child is not collected early, normal end of day routines apply. We are kindly asking for cake donations again this year. Ideally these would be shop bought due to COVID-19, but if home-made are supplied, please include a list of ingredients. These should be brought into school on the morning of the fayre (**Tues 7th**). We have a range of stalls from each class in school and local business', as well as a tombola, raffle and Father Christmas himself. Refreshments and cakes will be available in the hub. We can't wait to see you there.



Wednesday 8th December:

KS2 Carols in the community

Our **KS2** children and parents will be meeting at school at 4pm and going on a tour of the community to sing some wonderful Christmas carols, finishing with more carols and a Christmas service at Aston All Saints Church. You will have seen the posters on dojo and social media, and our **Y5/6** children will be busy this week posting flyers through local residents' letterboxes and putting flyers on lampposts. We would love as many people as possible within our school community to come out and enjoy this event and spot us on our route.

Friday 10th December:

Santa Dash & Christmas Jumper Day as well as

Brass Musicians Carol Assembly

Children are encouraged to **wear a Christmas jumper** and bring a **£1 donation**. Any money raised will be split between the charities Save the Children and Rotherham Hospice. The Santa dash is part of a national initiative to get children active and have some fun doing so. Children will complete one of several mapped out routes at their own pace and will even have a visit from **Father Christmas himself** running along with them for encouragement and motivation.

We also have a visit in the afternoon from some **Brass Musicians** who will perform carols that the children know and can sing along to.



Monday 13th December:

FS2 Christmas Show

Our **foundation stage** children will be showing their amazing confidence to perform their Christmas show to parents and family members. This years show is the Nativity with a twist, told by fairytale characters. The show starts at **10:15am**, with arrival advised from **10am**. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. A limited number of spare tickets may be available nearer the time for those wanting more than two. Parents will be notified of how and when to request any of these via a dojo post and google form. FS2 parents will be receiving a letter later this week with further details and a link to a google form to request tickets.



Monday 13th December:

Y3 @ Rawmarsh Community School—Christmas Production 'Matilda'

Our **Y3** children will be spending the morning at Rawmarsh Community school watching their Christmas production of **'Matilda'**. RCS produce amazing shows each year and this promises to be another. Y3 parents will be receiving a letter with details and a request for consent to attend.



Tuesday 14th December:

KS1 Christmas Show 'Nativity'

We are delighted that our **KS1** will be performing their Nativity to an audience this year. I've seen them practicing and you're in for a treat, a traditional nativity with a modern musical twist. The performances will be at **9:30am** and **5:30pm**. We ask that children return to school promptly at **5pm** to allow them to get ready, they will be finished / ready to be collected at approximately **6:15pm**. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets, 1 for each performance (this is due to limited seating capacity due to COVID restrictions). A limited number of spare tickets may be available nearer the time for those wanting more than one at each showing. Parents will be notified of how and when to request any of these via a dojo post and google form. KS1 parents will be receiving a letter later this week with further details and a link to a google form to request tickets.



Wednesday 15th December:

Y5 @ The Gainsborough Academy—Christmas Production 'Cinderella Panto'

Our **Y5** children will be visiting The Gainsborough Academy to watch their Christmas production of **'Cinderella'**. A wonderful panto which is sure to entertain our children. Y5 parents will be receiving a letter with details, including the need to bring a packed lunch.



Friday 17th December:

Christmas Dinner Day & Sheffield Snowflakes fundraiser

Children will enjoy their Christmas dinner and will also be encouraged to come to school in **non-uniform / Christmaswear**, bringing a **£1** donation which will contribute towards our **Snowflake** on the **Sheffield Children's Hospital**. This year, the 8 Wickersley trust primary schools are sponsoring a snowflake collectively to help keep costs to each school down with the minimum amount to be raised now **£600**.

