



Merry Christmas...

Dear Children, Parents, Carers,
Staff and Governors

It is hard to believe that we are
almost at the end of term.

There are so many wonderful and
exciting things to fit in between
now and finishing, including Nativ-
ity Performances, Productions
and our school Talent Show.

The last few days will move very
quickly so I would like to take this
opportunity to wish you all a
wonderful Christmas and New
Year break and look forward to
welcoming you back on Tuesday
8th January.

Best wishes

Richard Wilson



A huge thank you goes to Mr and Dr Johnson (and family) for kindly donating to school fund a contribution that covered the cost of purchasing this year's Christmas tree. It was a wonderful gesture and we are delighted with the way it looks.

SATs 2018 update
School results will be published
by the DfE later this week.
Although the headline data
reads below 'national stand-
ards', I would like to explain
some of the reasoning behind it
and to give some qualifying
explanation to last year's re-
sults.

Firstly, we were pleased with
the outcomes for many of our
individuals personal achieve-
ments. However, where the
data appeared to raise con-
cerns, this was due to a range
of cohort specific needs, which
we had predicted.

A number of children within the
cohort were disapplied from
testing, (meaning that they were
not required to take the test
papers) yet are still included in
the whole data set. There was a
much higher than usual per-
centage of pupils with specific
needs within the cohort. Disap-
plication and individual needs
totalled over 30% of the co-
hort, meaning that the data
return looks unfavourable but is
both explainable and under-
standable.

To that end I have met with the
Department for Education, the
Local Education Authority, The
Carlisle Diocesan Board of Edu-
cation and fellow Head Teachers
from the South Lakes Rural Part-
nership. All of the professionals
that I have had dialogue with, and
challenge from, understood the
reasons behind last year's data
and are assured that the trends
for future years are far more
positive. We continue to work
together to ensure best out-
comes for our current pupils and
that their performance continues
to remain strong.

I felt it important to inform you
in advance as, in the cold light of
day, the statistics alone do not
read well, but wished for you to
understand that there are justifi-
able factors behind this and assure
you of our positivity for out-
comes for our pupils.

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Dates for your Diary

Christmas Performances for families

Nursery - Fri 14th Dec 2.30
(School Hall)
Rec/KS1 - Mon 17th Dec
2.15 & 4.15 (School Hall)
KS2 - Weds 19th Dec 2.00 &
6.15 (Now in School Hall
NOT at St James's Church)

Children in Need

We raised a wonderful
£258.79 for Children in
Need this year. Thank you all
for your donations.

Christmas Dinner

On the last day of term the
children will sit down to a
lovely Christmas Dinner
cooked by Mr Heppleston
and Mrs Towers.
All children that currently
have a school dinner will
receive one.
If your child does not usually
have a dinner and they would
like to do so on this day then
please contact the school
office by the end of this
week.

School Clubs

Street Dance - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15
All year groups (Miss Jenni)

School Council - Mondays 12.40-1.00

Recorder - Tuesdays 12.45 Y2 upwards
(Mr and Mrs Wren)

Archery Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 Y2 (School
Hall)

Netball—Tuesday Yr 5 & 6 (Mrs Mel-
lard)

Quest - Details to follow

Drama - Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15
KS2 (Mr and Mrs Wren from 27th Sept)

Skiing - Y6 31st Oct, 14th, 21st, 28th
November - See Mr T for further info

Year1 and Year 2 - People &

Termly Topics

Homes

Years 3 and 4 - The Tudors

Year 5 - The Victorians

Year 6 - Britain Since 1930

PTA News

The **Christmas Fair** raised an
amazing £925.58 The event was a
huge success and thanks must go
to all involved for a super after-
noon.

PTA have also paid for our
Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty this
term along with an ice-cream for
each child - it was enjoyed by all.

Music Lessons

Keyboard & Piano — to be ar-
ranged with Mrs Wheelhouse

Tuesdays - Violin

Thursdays - Woodwind & Guitar

Christmas Choir

Mrs Wheelhouse has again been
running a Christmas Choir this
year. The children have had a
lovely time singing and performing
for us and the village community.
Many of them will be off out once
again to perform for the residents
at Elmsfield House next week.

Holiday Dates:

Autumn Term

Ends Fri 21st December @ 2pm

Spring Term

Starts Tues 8th January 2019 and
ends Fri 29th March 2019 @ 2pm

Half term - Mon 18th - Fri 22nd
February