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**8th December 2023**



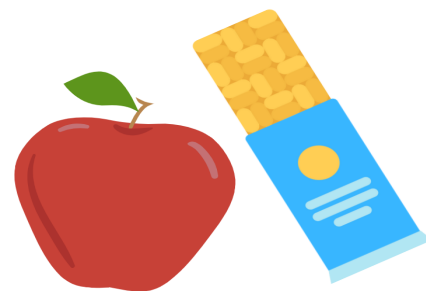
The focus this week has been our Christmas performances. The staff and children have worked so hard to put together a lovely Christmas musical which we hope you enjoyed. It has been really positive for the children to have the opportunity of performing in front of a 'live audience' as it helps to build their confidence as well as their music, speaking and drama skills. As church schools, it's also nice to find alternative ways of telling the Christmas story in a child friendly and interactive way.



We are very grateful for your support for the school - it really helps us to do these sorts of things for the children. Now we have had the excitement of our performances, we can focus on a relatively calmer last two weeks of term (as much as is possible given the excitement of anticipating Christmas). Please check the dates section carefully as we have made some changes to plans for the last week of term.

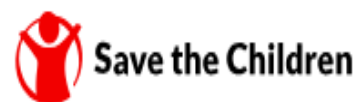
### Snacks for after swimming

Please note that you may send a small healthy snack for your child to have after swimming and before PE on Wednesdays. Please note that this needs to be something they can easily eat between sessions at the sports hall and that won't give them indigestion when being active in the PE session straight afterwards. The school takes bread sticks for the children already, so please don't feel you need to do this if it causes difficulties.



### Christmas Jumper Day

The children looked great in their own clothes and Christmas jumpers on Thursday. Thank you for your donations for Save the Children.



### E-safety at Christmas

Childnet has produced a guide for parents when buying new devices for children at Christmas. The blog is full of helpful suggestions and a family agreement template which may be useful. They recommend you research the device using **Common Sense Media** - a website which reviews games, apps, services and more to help you decide if something is appropriate for your child. You can find out more information here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/christmas-2022/>

### Diary Dates

**Thursday 14th December** - we are going to the Maltings to see Cinderella in the morning - we will be back in school for lunch.

**Monday 18th December** - our **Christmas church service at Lowick church at 10.30am**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for a more traditional re-telling of the Christmas story and refreshments afterwards.

**Tuesday 19th December** - change of plan - **we are taking the children to Holy Island for a festive crafts day** there. We will be creating crafts using natural materials and visiting the church and the beach (weather permitting) as part of the day. **Children will need a packed lunch or a grab & go as well as suitable outdoor clothing.**

Wednesday 20th December - **Christmas lunch day** and film afternoon.

Thursday 21st December - the children have requested a pyjamas day so we are going to have '**PJs and Play**'. Children can wear their own clothes / PJs and we will have board games, lego, quiet games and free choice in the afternoon.



Friday 22nd December - our **last day of term** - we will be having our Christmas party on that day - children can wear their own clothes.

Monday 8th January - teacher training day - no children expected in school on that day

Tuesday 9th January - everyone back to school  
**Please note there are no clubs on the first week back - child care is available by arrangement.**