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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Performances

This year the children will be performing a production of 'Bethlehem's Got Talent' for our Christmas play. We are delighted to invite families into school to watch the show however, we cannot accommodate everyone in the hall at once. Therefore, we have decided to put on two performances - one on Monday 16th December at 1:30pm for all families who have children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. The second will be on Tuesday 17th December at 9:30am for our families who have children in Year 3 to Year 6.

Both performances will be identical with all age groups performing in both. If you have children in both key stage 1 and 2 please could you only attend one performance so that the hall does not get too overcrowded and everyone has the chance to see their child perform.

We must also ask that only two people attend the performance per family please. I hope you understand that we are simply trying to ensure that all families get a chance to attend working with the small space that we have. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Wednesday 18th December. The cost will be £2.50 for any child in Y3/4/5/6 who wishes to join us. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will receive the dinner free of charge due to the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Children may still bring a packed lunch on this day if they wish to do so.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 20th December. The school lunch will be party food on this day. This will cost £2.50 per child if they are in Y3/4/5/6 and wish to take part. Children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Children can come to school in party clothes on this day but can we please ask that they are warm with suitable outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please.



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Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch a Panto performance of Dick Whittington in school performed by The Panto Company on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. This has been kindly funded by the Swarland Home School Association.

Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre will take place this Sunday 8th December 10am-12pm at Longframlington Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome, entry is free and there will be fun activities and refreshments for all the family. Please help us to raise money for our School!

Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash

We are holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 6th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper, if they wish to do so. During this day the whole school will be taking part in a Santa Dash together to promote physical activity and fun whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers! This is just for fun and we won't be collecting donations.

Outstanding payments

All outstanding balances for the Autumn Term for dinner, milk, clubs and trips must be settled before the end of term please. If you need to know how much you owe, please contact the school office or check your Parentmail and have a look in the Shop.

Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term each Monday from 13th January for the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 only. Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons at Willowburn Leisure Centre. Please may we request voluntary contributions of £6.90 per session to cover the cost of the lesson and the coach hire. This amount has been subsidised by the school. There will be a swimming consent form and online payment option via ParentMail to complete before the end of term. Thank you.



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Milk

For those children who would like to have milk in the Spring Term (January to April) it will cost £16.00 for the term. Please indicate on the forthcoming Parentmail form if you wish to pay for milk. If your child will be under-five for the whole of the Spring Term (birthday not before 27th April) then they are entitled to free milk but please can you indicate on the form if you would like them to have it in order to avoid us not ordering enough. The order will be placed before the end of term for all of those who have paid. No changes can be made after this date. A Parentmail online payment will be available in the next few days.

New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**. Please note that **Monday 6th January** is a teacher training day.

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher



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Festive Dates for Diaries

- Sunday 8th December Christmas Fair 10-12pm Longfram Hall
- Friday 6th December Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash
- Monday 16th December Christmas performance at 1:30pm
(Rec/KS1)
- Tuesday 17th December Christmas performance at 9:30am (KS2)
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 20th December Christmas Panto visit
- Friday 20th December Christmas Party
- Friday 20th December Children break up for Christmas
- Tuesday 7th January Children return to school
2025

