



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A huge well done to all the children who took part in a fantastic concert last night at Exeter Cathedral. They performed alongside children from other schools as part of the Youth Rock Choir and joined with the Teacher Rock Choir. They sounded amazing and behaved impeccably throughout long rehearsals and a concert that lasted way beyond their bedtime. I was extremely proud of them all. Thank you also to all the parents who came and bought tickets; the children felt really well supported.

### **Monday**

A reminder that Monday is a non-pupil day when only staff will be in school. School starts as normal on Tuesday with a very busy final few weeks of the term. Please make sure you check on dates listed below so that nothing gets missed.

### **Exeter City Community Carol Concert**

All the children who are in this should have had a note home with arrangements on it. We are taking about forty children and will meet them for the run through at 5.20 at the football ground.

I really hope to see some of you there.

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

The children would like to collect items to make up Christmas shoeboxes. They are doing this for two charities. Lower school are collecting items for Baby Bank Exeter. They would like items such as small toys, books, sweet treats - anything suitable for young children.

Upper School are collecting for a charity called Smile at a Stranger which supports people who are homeless at Christmas. They would like items such as deodorant, wet wipes, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves and anything that might help people who are homeless.

Please bring any donations to the classroom, thank you.

### **Scooters**

We have several scooters left in the bike sheds overnight and over weekends. We have some that have been in there for weeks! Mr High, our caretaker, will empty all the sheds at the end of term and any scooters left will be disposed of, either to a good cause or a bin if they are not safe.

### **Uniform**

A quick reminder that all children should be in school uniform. This has slipped a bit recently. If there is a legitimate reason why they are not in full uniform, for example they have broken their shoes, please send a note in to explain so that the children do not get upset. Thank you.

### **Menu**

I have met with the kitchen manager today now that we have had the new menu for a few weeks. We have made a couple of changes where the choices were not very popular with the children.

### **Year 5 Greek Day**

Year 5 are having a visit on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from SPLATS theatre company and they will be working on a play set in Ancient Greece. Year 5 parents are invited to come in and see the completed play in the school hall at 2.30pm

### **Winter illnesses**

We have a large number of children absent from school at the moment with a sickness bug. This is affecting many schools up and down the country! We have contacted Public Health England and have attached some guidance from them.

If your child missed out on their flu vaccination Virgin Care are running catch up clinics locally. You can call them on 0300 247 0082 to get the details of your nearest one.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Last day for Christmas Lunch orders

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **Non-pupil day**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Yr 1 & 2 Film night – 3.30 -5pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery & Reception Stories with Santa – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Nativity - 2.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Christmas lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Carol Concert - 2.30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Run

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Fair – 2-4pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Nativity time 2.30pm

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol Concert time 2.15pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

First day of Spring Term

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Reception Height & Weight programme

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Height & Weight programme