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Dear Parents/Carers,

Santa Dash

On Friday 10th December we will be joining thousands of other young people across the country who will be pulling on their Santa hats for the National School Games Santa Dash! Children can come to school on 10th December in a Christmas jumper and Santa hat. All children will then have the opportunity to take part in a 20 minute run around the school grounds as part of a fun activity to improve children's physical health.

Christmas Performances

The children will be performing their production of *Strictly Lights Camel Action - The Sequel* in school. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we cannot ask parents to watch in person but we will be recording the performance on Thursday, ready to share with you the following week. To support fundraising for the school, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution for the recording which will be available via USB pen. All fund raising will go towards the cost of a theatre group performing a panto for the children on the last day of Autumn Term.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Tuesday 14th December. The cost will be £2.00 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.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 17th December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch.. This will cost £2 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 Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please. We are hoping to have a virtual special guest who will take time out of his busy schedule to virtually meet us on this day.

Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch a Panto performance in school on the afternoon of Friday 17th December.

Dinner Payments

All outstanding balances for the Autumn Term must be settled before the end of term please.. If you need to know how much you owe, please contact the school office.





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Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning each Monday on 10th January for the pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. We can no longer take the whole school at one time due to leisure centre restrictions requiring older children to be prioritised. Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons at the Willowburn Leisure Centre. Please may we request voluntary contributions of £4 per session to cover the cost of the lesson and the coach travel. This amount has been subsidised by the school. There will be a swimming consent form and online payment option via ParentMail in the next few days. Please complete the form before the end of term.

Milk

For those children who would like to have milk in the Spring Term (January to April) it will cost £16.38 for the term. Please indicate on the forthcoming Parentmail form if you wish to pay for milk. The order will be placed before the end of term. A Parent Pay online option will be available in the next few days.

Lunch Cost increase in New Year

The cost of school lunches has remained at £2 for almost ten years and unfortunately we now have to raise the cost to £2.20 per meal. This is due to increased costs of catering provisions. This will begin on 1st January 2022.

Staffing Changes for the New Year

Mrs Stocks will be returning from her maternity leave to the Year 3 & 4 class in the New Year. Mrs Stocks will teach the children Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Miss Campbell will teach the class on Wednesday. The Reception/Year 1 class will have Mrs Stanley Mondays to Wednesdays and Miss Campbell Thursdays and Fridays.

Many of you may be aware that Mrs Hall our office manager has been poorly for some time, we wish her all the best and a speedy recovery.

New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 5th January 2022 as the Tuesday is a teacher training day.

Dates for Diaries

Friday 10 th December	Santa Dash and Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Panto visits school
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	Children break up for Christmas holiday.

Warmest Regards,
Louise Fletcher

