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Dear All,

Preparations for Christmas are fast approaching.

It is always an extremely busy time of year for us and there are lots of exciting things happening in the next few weeks!

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December,
'A Miracle in Town' performed by our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.

Don't forget your tickets!

The afternoon performances will start at **2pm** and the evening performances **6pm**.

On the night of the evening performances please bring your child to the main school entrance at **5.30pm** to allow us time to get them into their costumes.

The evening performances will finish at approximately **6.30pm**.

When collecting your child please wait outside their classroom and a teacher will bring your child out to you.



Tuesday 12th December, Year 3, 4 and 5's Cinema Trip - Wonka.

Friday 15th December, Year 6's Cinema Trip - Wonka

Monday 18th December, Reception, Year 1 and 2's Cinema Trip - Wish

We will be leaving school at **9.10am** and are expected to return to school at around 1.30pm. Please send your child in their school uniform as normal.

Please remember to send your child with a drink and to order them a packed lunch on School Hub.



Wednesday 13th December, Christmas Dinner.

Children who normally bring a packed lunch are more than welcome to join us for our fantastic Christmas dinner, which can be ordered on-line via the School Hub in the usual way.

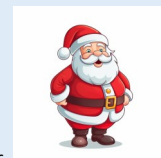
To add to the celebration children are welcome to wear their **Christmas Jumpers** for the day.

Thursday 14th December, Christmas Fair.

We hope that you will be able to come along to our Christmas Fair, where the children will be running lots of stalls, we are also expecting a visit from Santa (you should all have received details re tickets and timings)!

If you have any items that you would like to donate for the Fair, we would be very grateful for any contributions of crafts, toys, books etc. for the stalls. Please bring them into school at any time from **Friday 8th December**.

If you are able to make any cakes or biscuits etc., could you please bring these into school on the morning of the fair with ingredients listed. Any raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated. The Raffle will be drawn at **4 pm**, bringing the Fair to an end.



On the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December, Year 3, 4, and 5's Christmas Party.

On the afternoon of Friday 15th December, EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party.

On the afternoon of Monday 18th December, Y6 Christmas Party.

The children are welcome to wear their party clothes for the day, but please remember to send your child with sensible shoes and a warm coat, as they will be playing outside as normal.

Tuesday 19th December, Carol Service at KSPC, 1 pm.

The Christmas Carol Service will be held at KS Parish Church on Tuesday 19th December. It will start at 1.00pm and we hope you will be able to join us at this very special time.

Tuesday 19th December, end of term 2.15pm finish.

We return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Quiz Champions

Well done to all the children who represented the school at the inter-school quiz hosted by Asby Primary School.

Amelia, Danny, Riley and Sophie's team were delighted to win the trophy.



Congratulations to everyone involved.

KSPS Fundraisers News

KSPS received an amazing **£3752.96** from the Co-op Community Fund.



A huge thank you to the Co-op and to everyone who selected to support the school.

Charity Fundraising News

We collected £249.15 for the RBL Poppy Appeal and £290.00 for Children in Need.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Sporting News

KS1 children all enjoyed the Basic Moves festival at KSGS.

The Y6 Boys Football team also had a great day at the County Finals in Carlisle.

KSPS fielded two Y5/6 girls football teams at the EVSP event in Penrith, everyone played brilliantly, showing great teamwork. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to the light blue team who qualified for the County Finals in Carlisle! They had a great day and played really well.



Get to know your Governors.

The Governing Body at KSPS would like to introduce themselves to the parents, carers and pupils.

Mrs Katy Modlin, Chair of Governors

I have been a governor at KSPS for many years, I first started when my eldest child Lee was in primary school, and he is now in his first year of University.

My youngest son Danny is in year 6 and loves attending KSPS. I enjoy being a governor and have seen the school through its last 2 Ofsted inspections. I have been involved with the fundraising and building of the new classroom, the recruitment of new staff all of which I find really rewarding.

I am an art teacher and currently work at 2 local secondary schools, Appleby and Settlebeck. I am also a Level 6 careers lead with many years' experience teaching PSHE and DT. It is because of my teaching experience I have been given the link governor role for Art, DT and PSHE.

I attended both Kirkby Stephen Primary and Grammar school and only this summer left my teaching position at the Grammar School after 16 years.

In my free time you will often find me stood at the side of a football pitch, cheering on my son's teams as well as taking care of the daily running of Kirkby Stephen Football Club.

Katy



We will be carol singing at the Co-op in December.

Monday 11th December @ 11pm, Y3

Tuesday 12th December @ 11pm, Y6

Friday 15th December @11pm, Y4

Monday 18th December@11pm, Y5



Friday 15th December from 9.30-12.30 a group of children from Y4/5 will be singing at Westmorland Services, Tebay.

I hope you will be able to come along to some of the events we have planned.

Kind regards

Mrs Alison Capstick