



Brackensdale Infant School

Newsletter November 2016

Dear Parents

We have started the second half of the autumn term with a number of activities and this busy time will continue with the lead up to Christmas.

Please make a note of the following dates:

**Wednesday 7 December** From 2pm Parents are invited to Foxes and Giraffes classes to have a look at the work the children have been doing during this term

**Tuesday 13 December** 9.30am Christmas concert, Chimps and Penguins classes  
2pm Christmas concert, Foxes, Giraffes, Panthers, Koalas, Owls classes

**Wednesday 14 December** 9.30am Christmas concert, Foxes, Giraffes, Panthers, Koalas, Owls classes  
2pm Christmas concert, Chimps and Penguins classes

**Thursday 15 December** Whole school theatre visit to The Guildhall  
Christmas lunch  
Nursery celebration of Christmas

**Friday 16 December** Y2 Christmas party in the afternoon

**Monday 19 December** Christmas parties for Reception classes and Y1

**Tuesday 20 December** Nursery Christmas party in the morning for all nursery children

School closes on Tuesday 20 December for the Christmas holiday and all children return to school on Thursday 5 January 2017. Wednesday 4 January is a teacher training day.



On Monday 19 December the Y2 classes, Panthers and Koalas, will be joining the children in Y3/4, Brackensdale Junior School, for a carol service at St. Francis' Church, Collingham Gardens. The service will be led by Father Alasdair. We will walk up to church to begin the service at 10.00am. Parents are welcome to join us, either walking up to the church with us or by meeting us there.

Don't forget, "Free Breakfast Wednesdays" for Y2 children continues until Christmas.

### Other information

At the last meeting of the Governing Body, Lisa Higginbottom was selected as the Chair of Governors, taking over from Jo Willoughby. Many of you will know Lisa through her work for the community and I am pleased that she agreed to take up this position with us. Lisa has already spent time in school and will continue to do so over the next months.

Just to remind you we have 3 parent governors, David Woolley, Nicola James and Heather O'Donnell. There remains a vacancy for 1 more parent governor, if you want to know more please talk to David, Nicola or Heather, or come and talk to me.

We have 1 training day to arrange for the spring term, as soon as we have agreed the date with the junior school. I will let you know.

The remaining closure days are: Monday 5 June 2017 and Wednesday 26 July 2017.

### Changes to nursery funded hours

From September 2017, 3 and 4 year old children will be entitled to 30 hours per week of free child care if their parents meet certain criteria. We are working closely with other local providers in order to be able to deliver 30 hours where parent want this. If your child would be due to start nursery in September 2017, start by putting his/her name on our list and we will contact you with regard to the 30 hours. Children who are starting nursery in January 2017, and will have 5 terms in nursery, will be eligible for 30 hours also from September. Again, we will be talking to you about your requirements and how this will work.



I look forward to seeing you at one of the events over the next few weeks.

*D. Reddish*