

# Newsletter

Monday 16 December

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## NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### Christmas Shows

Thank you to all the parents and other family members that came to see the shows last week. I'm sure you will agree that the children across all year groups performed so well and were so confident on the stage in front of so many people! Thank you to parents for helping the children learn their lines or songs and providing the costumes. A big thank you must also be said to the staff who have worked tirelessly over the past weeks practising with the children, making props, painting scenery and sewing backdrops etc for the shows.

A letter will be sent home after Christmas for you to order a DVD of your child's Christmas show if you wish to.

### Choir

A huge well done to the choir who performed at St George's church and at Sandon House on Friday. They did so well and performed beautifully. The choir will also be performing at St John's Church on Thursday during our Christmas Service that Year 5 are heavily involved with too, parents are very welcome to attend.



### After School Clubs and Sports Clubs

As you will be aware all after school clubs have finished now until after Christmas including the sports led clubs on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Cashless School System – 'Schoolmoney'

A letter was sent home to all parents on Friday 13 December explaining the new online cashless system commencing in the New Year. To view a copy of the letter please go to the Newsletter crayon on the school website where a copy is available to view online. As outlined in the letter you will receive your password on Inset day (6 January) which you will need to be able to register with 'Schoolmoney'.

### Reminder - Christmas Dinner Day and other festivities this week

Wednesday 18 December is Christmas Dinner day. Children who already have a school meal will automatically be served Christmas Dinner and also children on packed lunches who have already ordered one.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 16 December	1.30pm	KS2 United Carol Service at St George's – Parents welcome
Tuesday 17 December	6.00pm	Christmas Musical Evening at Mossley Hollins (Mrs. Gerrard's class only)
Wednesday 18 December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 December	9.15am	Yr. 1- 6 Christingle Assembly – Parents welcome
Wednesday 18 December	am	EYFS Party
Thursday 19 December	9.30am	Church Service at St John's (Yr. 1-6) – Parents welcome
Thursday 19 December	pm	KS1 Party

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### **Lost Property**

Please come in on Thursday this week after school where we will put out all the lost property for you to claim. It will be in one of the classrooms.

### **School Meals**

If you would like to change your child's lunchtime meal preference from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa in the New Year, please let the school office know as soon as possible. The cost of a school meal is £2.22.

### **UPDATED PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

#### **Mellors December Factsheet**

Please click on the Catering crayon down the left hand side of the website home page to see this month's factsheet. We will continue to update the Catering section of our website each month as we receive them.

#### **EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties**

EYFS party is Wednesday 18 December in the morning. Children can come in to school in their party clothes and bring their uniform in a bag to change in to if they wish or they can stay in their party clothes if they want to.

KS1 party is Thursday 19 December in the afternoon. Children can bring their party clothes in a bag to change in to.

#### **Reception 2020**

Online applications for those children that are to start in Reception in September 2020 are now open and close on 15 January 2020. Can parents please note that if your child attends our nursery your child does not automatically have a place in Reception. Online applications, by the deadline, must be completed please.

#### **EYFS In need of pedal bikes**

If you have a small pedal bike you no longer need in good working condition, EYFS are in need of them if you would like to donate it to school.

#### **Snow Closure**

We will always try and keep the school open! However, under certain circumstances and for various reasons this is not always the case;

1. We do check with local weather stations and liaise with the Local Authority to try and gauge whether there is a likelihood of heavy snowfall. Unfortunately, forecasts are not always accurate and there is heavier snowfall than predicted.
2. The school has a number of staff who live outside the Mossley area. If there are not enough qualified staff available to come into school to open up and manage it safely then it cannot open due to Health & Safety reasons.
3. If the roads are dangerous then the school may not receive food deliveries and may be unable to provide a hot meal or food for the children at lunch time.
4. If the school boilers fail to operate we would need to call out an engineer to repair the fault. The School would have to close if we are not able to heat the school. If the heating fails during the day we would make a decision about school closure and contacting parents.

If there is heavy snowfall and also taking into account the above points, this is what will happen.

1. If necessary a decision to close will be made by 8.15am (or earlier if possible). However if the weather deteriorates throughout the day, we may also need to close school. A text will be sent to all Parents advising them that school is closed or closing.
2. The website will be updated throughout the day, providing that it can be accessed.
3. We will pass school closure information to TMBC and they will update their website.
4. If school remains open, Classes may need to be split and shared amongst others if we do not have enough members of staff to cover all classes.
5. If snow is set to continue over a number of days and we are aware of disruption to traffic, we may look at opening at 10am so that school can remain open.



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Sending text messages is the most effective way that we can communicate with our parents.

**Could you please ensure that the school has an up-to-date contact number, if you have recently renewed your mobile phone this is particularly important!**

### Diary Dates

Friday 20 December	School breaks up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 January 2020	School reopens
Friday 26 June – 29 June	Kingswood residential trip

### COMMUNITY NEWS



A New Year.....time to pause and reflect on what to do with the time that is given to you. Always be your best and remember we rise by lifting others.

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