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Newsletter

18th December 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow! What a term we have had! I cannot believe we have finally reached the end of it, with Christmas beckoning around the corner. It has certainly been a busy one!

The Highlight of this final week has of course been the Christmas Show. Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances I had to miss it, but I am assured by all the staff that it was wonderful. Thank you to all those parents who came to see our "Magical Christmas Journey". The Raffle raised a fantastic £115. Thank you to Mrs Longden for organising and running this.

House Points

House Points are awarded for positive displays of social and emotional behaviour.

This week's winners are Red Eagles and Dino Sam both with 17!! (Minion Madness: 7) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: **Red Eagles** 279, **Dino Sam**: 297 **Minion Madness**:237) Congratulations to Dino Sam for winning this half term!

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 96.25%, hitting our school target!!

Well done Class 1 for having 100% attendance this week! Amazing!!

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time.

ALL children should be bringing a warm coat to wear at playtimes.

Behaviour

Behaviour has been amazing this week, especially on the two days we were at the Sports and Social Club. Well done everyone! Well done to everyone for keeping our standards of behaviour high and remembering the British Values of Tolerance and Respect that we have been learning about this term.

Dinner Money

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10).

PTA COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thanks to our lovely PTA for organising the Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday this week. We have yet to confirm the total made, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

There will be a Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society at Carlton St Mary's Church on Monday 21st December at 4pm. It will be a very special Christmas service and there will be refreshments afterwards. Nativity themed costumes

The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw
The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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may be worn! The Children's Society undertakes marvellous work with families who may not have money to spare at Christmas time.

ADVANCE NOTICE!

On Wednesday 20th January 2016, at 2pm, we will be holding a Parents' Information Afternoon on our Maths Calculation Policy and our Phonics and Reading strategies. If anyone is unable to come along at that time, please let Mrs Seager know and we will try and arrange an evening session at a more suitable time.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2016

If you or someone you know has a child who is 4 now or will be 4 before 1st September 2016, you can now go online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions to start the process of securing a place in a primary school in September 2016. If you need any further information, please ask Mrs. Seager in the office for a leaflet, or use the webpage address above. **Please note the closing date to submit the form is 15th January 2016. Please note if your submit a form after the closing date, there is less of a chance of a place being offered at your preferred school!**

SAFEGUARDING

Would parents please note that due to changes in the Safeguarding Policy the back door of the main building will now be locked at 9.00am, once the school day has started. If parents need to speak to members of staff or have other issues, please go to the office at the front of school via the front door entrance. Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the building after this time and go around to the front door, it is purely for the safety of the children. .

Key Dates

5th January 2016 – Spring Term starts

20th January – Parents' Information afternoon – 2pm

May I and all the staff at Drax Community Primary School take this opportunity to wish you, the children and your families a truly blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you and all the children again on TUESDAY 5th January 2016!

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)