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Dear Parents,

Christmas is fast approaching, the sound of Christmas songs are beginning to fill the school, the stage is up ready for the Mars and Pluto Class Christmas Production and the Christmas Tree has arrived thanks to the very kind donation from Cotswold Christmas Trees, based at Yate Town Football Club. Let the Christmas excitement begin!

Mrs Sarah Stillie



'STARS OF NORTH ROAD'

Congratulations to Ethan, Darcy, Saul, Freya, Harry, Xanthe, Charlie, Everly, Rae, Ava, Jake G, Lillie-Mae and Florence who have all been awarded a North Road Star for their progress with their learning. We are very proud of you all.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children in Need. We raised an amazing £285!



READING AWARDS

During our recent celebration assemblies, we have said 'Well Done' to Harry T, Rosa and Quentin as they received their 200 Reads Award and to Dexter as he received his Silver 300 Reads Award. 'Congratulations' have also been shared with Amber and Jayden as they received their 400 Reads Award, Ruby-Mae and Dante for receiving their 600 Reads Gold Award and Bethany who received her 1,000 Reads Platinum Award. Well done to everyone for reading daily and making super progress with your reading.

Parents, remember to sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read and have asked them some comprehension questions from their bookmark about their book. **Children may have up to two reads counted in their reading totals on any one day – teachers will sign your child's Reading Record in school if they have listened to them read. This will count as one read. We ask you to listen to your child read every day. This will be the second read.**

SCHOOL CATERING PROVIDER – EDWARDS AND WARD



As you will be aware, in September a new catering provider took over the responsibility for our school meals. As we are a small school, we need to ensure that our uptake of school meals is as high as possible to ensure that we can maintain fresh, hot meals cooked on site for our children in our own kitchen. Edwards and Ward are hosting a food taster session for parents on **Wednesday 29th November** in the school hall from **2:45pm – 3:15pm**. Please come along and see the portion sizes of plated meals as well as the opportunity to enjoy some bite size cakes and main meal samples. We look forward to seeing then there.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER



Our whole school Christmas dinner will take place on **Thursday 14th December**. If your child is in KS2 and would like a Christmas dinner, please add the money to their Arbor account in the usual way. The price for the Christmas meal is £2.50.

END OF TERM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES



Our end of term Celebration Assemblies will be taking place on **Tuesday 12th December** for Neptune Class and Jupiter Class and **Wednesday 13th December** for Mars Class and Pluto Class. The assemblies will start at 2:30pm and parents are welcome to take their child/ren home afterwards, if they have attended the assembly. The school day will end at 3:15pm for all other children as usual.

EYFS AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION.

During the Christmas Production by Mars and Pluto Class next week, prefects will be selling **Lucky Programmes for £1**. Each programme contains a raffle ticket, which will be entered into the draw to win a fantastic Santa Sack full of Christmas treats that have been very kindly donated by our Chair of Governors, Sue Rigby. A draw will take place after each performance with all proceeds going towards our fundraising for a nurture building in our Sensory Garden.

Reminder: *Please do not forget for bring your entrance tickets with you, as seating is restricted to ticket holders only due to our maximum capacity.*



ROLEY'S CLUB – AFTERNOON TEA WITH SANTA

On Thursday 14th December, Roley's After School Club will be having a very special visitor. The children will be enjoying a festive afternoon tea with Father Christmas, including personalised time with Santa and a special photo opportunity. There will also be party games, Christmas Crafts and a festive story time.

On Wednesday 29th December, a limited number of additional tickets will be made available. If you would like your child to attend this event as a one off as hoc session, please contact the school office to register your child. Availability will be on a first come, first served basis. Sessions at Roley's After School Club are £9 per session and take place from 3:15pm - 5:45pm.



SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT – SATURDAY 13th JULY

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the date for a special concert that we will be holding this year in the Summer Term. This is a HUGE project for a school of our size but it is going to be an amazing and fun opportunity for the children and one that we hope parents and family members will also enjoy. The children will be performing a mixture of class and whole school songs as well as percussion pieces alongside a live woodwind band.

In order for the event to be successful, we really need the support of all families to be able to bring their child to the event on Saturday 13th July.

If you know that you will not be able to commit to this,

please can you let the school office know as soon as possible as Mrs Daone is starting to put the programme together, as the children will be starting to learn the pieces that they will performing in January.

Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting project and we look forward to giving you some sneaky peaks of our progress as the year goes on.

SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY ABSENCE REQUEST

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

We have seen a recent increase in the request for term time holidays. Please be aware that our school policy (in line with the DfE Education Regulations and local schools) states that parents may request a holiday **only in exceptional circumstances**. This request must be put in writing to the Head Teacher, at **least two weeks before**, fully explaining the reason for the request. Term time holidays, if taken without approval, can be eligible for a fine from the Local Authority.

The Attendance Policy, **including information on the issuing of fines for school time holidays**, can be found on the school website and at the following link.

<https://www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Attendance-Policy-2022.pdf>

Attendance at school is incredibly important for your child's academic progress as every school day missed results in lost learning. High attendance levels also supports good physical and mental well-being. Term time holidays are therefore strongly discouraged.

Permission for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, where the reason for the request is very clear.

NEXT INSET DAY

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

TERM 2 2023-2024 DATES FOR THE DIARY	
5/12/23	Mars and Pluto Class Christmas Production 2pm
6/12/23	Mars and Pluto Class Christmas Production 9:15am
11/12/23	KS2 Singing at Yate Shopping Centre – 2pm. Please collect your KS2 child at 1:30pm to take them to Yate Shopping Centre.
12/12/23	KS2 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
13/12/23	Pantomime visit to school for all classes - AM
13/12/23	EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
14/12/23	Whole School Christmas Dinner
15/12/23	Last day of Term 2

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MAIN SITE OPENING DATE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

- We are extremely excited to announce the opening of our main site in Yate on Monday 20th November
- You can find us at our usual location at [Yate Town Football Club](#)
- As always we'll have an extensive collection of quality real Christmas trees, all shapes and sizes to suit all budgets
- We also have Christmas tree stands, Christmas tree lights, Christmas themed characters and much more

