

Dear Parents and Carers,

December 2021

I am writing with just a few reminders before the end of term.

First of all, thank you to all who attended the Pre-School, Reception, Y1 and Y2 performances. It's been lovely to have parents back in school. We are sorry you were not all able to attend but it was lovely to welcome a representative from every family. YouTube continues to serve us well but it's been so good to have a live performance again, to a live audience!! It really does make it more special. The children have certainly enjoyed having you here and have risen to the occasion.

**We have a busy next week again with lots to look forward to.**

### Ecumenical Carol Service

Our choir will be singing at the Ecumenical Carol Service outside Tanfield Lea Club on Sunday night. We'd like the choir to arrive between 5:20 and 5:25 so we can get them together and put them in order before we perform. The service will begin at 5:30 and usually lasts no more than 30 minutes. Members of the public are welcome to come as it is held outside. (The children don't need to wear their uniform, just warm clothing).



### Parties

Next week the children will have their parties.

Days are as follows and we suggest that they come in their party outfits but please make sure you tell them not to access the grass at lunchtime in their party gear as it is very muddy at the moment!

<b>Monday</b>	Reception, Y1 and Y3
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y2 and Y5
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pre-School and Y4
<b>Friday</b>	Y6

### Saying thank you...

For those parents who are new to our school, if you ever want to say thank you, we encourage parents not to buy gifts but to express this in a card instead.

### Theatre Visit

Y1 to Y6 will be visiting the Northern Stage on Thursday to see The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

We will be leaving at 9 a.m. prompt. **Any children arriving late may risk missing the buses as we will not be able to wait around!**



**Given the current Covid situation we are encouraging children to wear a mask on the bus.** It is a more confined space and there will be more than one year group on a bus so this seems a sensible precaution.

### Upper School Carol Service

Unlike previous years we are **not** able to meet at the church this year as we are not able to invite parents to attend.

This means that your child should come to school as normal on the last day of term.

Children in the lower school **will not** be attending the Carol Service unless they are in the choir.

**The Upper School children, including choir members, will walk down to the church during the morning and will be back for lunchtime.** We will record the service and will upload this to the

YouTube channel as soon as possible afterwards.



**We break up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the end of the school day and will return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
From all at Tanfield Lea Community Primary School**