

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Christmas Activity Afternoon

Don't forget the Christmas Activity afternoon on the **12 December** when all parents are invited to join the children and take part in the activities. This will be followed at **3pm** by the MSSA Christmas event with Santa's Grotto and many other Christmassy activities and stalls. Please come along and join in the fun!

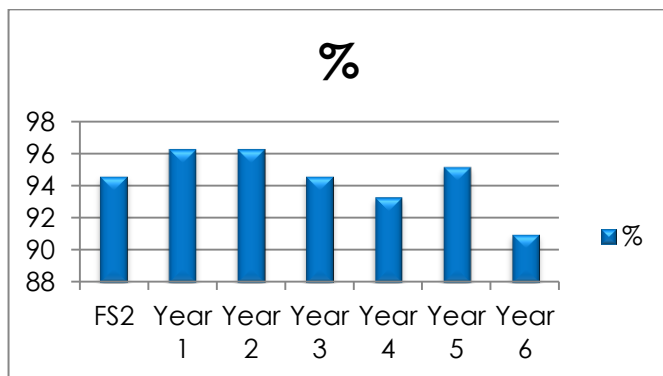
### Welcome Wednesday

This weeks' Welcome Wednesday meal will be **Pizza with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn** or **tuna jacket potato** followed by **flapjack/apple wedge** or **yoghurt**.

If your child is in **KS2** (Years 3 – 6) and would like to try the Welcome Wednesday meal please send **£2.10** in an envelope with your child's name on, to school on Monday morning. .

### Attendance

The attendance prize this week has been won jointly by Year 1 and Year 2 with an excellent overall attendance of **96.3% attendance**. Well done to both classes.



It is now possible to view your child's attendance on the School Gateway which also enables you to supply us with information regarding the reasons for your child's absence.



### Diary Dates

#### December 7

Christmas Lunch

#### December 12

Christmas Activity Afternoon  
**1.30pm** onwards

#### December 13

FS2/KS1 Christmas  
Performance **2pm**

#### December 14

FS2/KS1 Christmas  
Performance **9.30am**

#### December 15

KS2 Christingle Service  
**1.30pm** St Anne's Church

#### December 16

Christmas Jumper Day

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Break for Christmas

#### January 3

Staff Training Day

#### January 4

Children Return to School

#### January 12

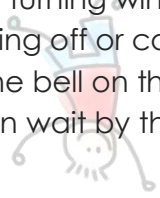
Year 5 Swimming Lessons  
Start

### Important Notice

Don't forget to return your **Christmas Lunch** slip by Tuesday **29 November** at the latest.

## The Hangout – Before and After School Club

Now that the weather is turning wintery and the nights are getting darker, if you are dropping off or collecting your child from the Hangout please press the bell on the side gate which links directly to the Hangout and then wait by the main door where the staff will meet you.



The Hangout runs from 7.30am – 8.45am and from 3pm to 6pm. Bookings can be made via the 'School Gateway' or the office.

## Unavoidable School Closure

In the event of bad weather, any closure of the school will be posted on the homepage of the school website and a text message will be sent to parents on the morning of the closure.

Please remember that we will only close the school if we think it is absolutely necessary and every effort will be made for us to remain open. The safety of pupils, parents and staff is paramount and any decision to close is never taken lightly.

## Are you interested in becoming a Primary School Teacher?

The Swaledale Alliance are holding an open day on Thursday 5th January 2017 from 5 - 6 pm at Richmond Methodist School, Darlington Road, Richmond, DL10 7BH. Here you will be able to meet the staff and find out more about a school based path to becoming a teacher.

And finally...

## From the MSSA...

- Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards/tea-towels/mugs. Through your generosity we have raised over £260 for the MSSA funds.
- Your child will be bringing home a cup this week for the cup tombola. If you are able please can you fill this with sweets and return it to school for the cup tombola.
- The MSSA are still collecting raffle prizes so if you have anything you could donate as a prize please bring it along to the school office.
- If there are any bakers out there we need cakes and biscuits for the refreshment stall. Please bring any donations to the office on Monday 12 December before 12pm.

Thank you for your support.



## After School Clubs

### Monday

FS, KS1 Streetdance – 3pm – 3.50pm £3 per week  
KS2 Streetdance – 3.55pm – 4.55pm £3 per week  
**KS1 & 2 Football – CANCELLED** until further notice

### Tuesday

KS2 Choir – 3pm – 4pm £3 (one off charge)

### Wednesday

KS2 Handbells - 3 - 4pm  
FS, KS1 Basketball – 3pm – 3.50pm £3 per week  
KS2 Basketball – 3.55pm – 4.55pm £3 per week

### Thursday

KS1 Multiskills – 3pm – 4pm £3 (one off charge)  
**KS2 Netball - CANCELLED** until further notice  
KS2 School Newspaper 3pm – 4pm £3 (one off charge)  
KS2 Cross stitch – 3pm – 4pm (£3 one off charge)