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Certificate and Award Winners

Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates and KiM Awards at our Celebration Assembly last week. They were:-

	Certificates					KiM
Class 1	Edward	Lucy	Aimee	Madeline	Harry E.	Ruby
Class 2	William H.	Alice	Jessie			Joshua

Congratulations also to Oscar who won the Class 2 Mathstermind Challenge.

Ofsted Report Parent's Meeting

It was very encouraging to see so many parents at our Ofsted Report Parents' Meeting earlier this week. Thank-you to everyone who attended. One of the outcomes of the meeting was that we will send regular up-dates to parents about the progress we are making in address those areas requiring improvement for the school to improve. These up-dates will probably be half-termly.

Vacancies on the Governing Body

There are currently 2 vacancies on the school's Governing Body.

1. Elected Parent Governor – this position is filled by the parent of any child currently at the school, and if there is more than 1 nomination, there will be a ballot of all parents of the children currently at the school.. We have set a closing date for nominations for 3:30pm on Monday 12th December, with a view to a ballot taking place during the first week of the new term in January. Any parents who are interested in being the Elected Parent Governor is invited to speak to me or our Chair of Governors, Andrew Booth, about it, and collect the relevant paperwork from the school office.
2. Local Authority representative – this position is open to anyone in the local community who would like to serve on the Governing Body. The process is for such a person to be appointed by the school nominating someone to the Local Authority, who then ratifies the nomination. If this position is of interest to you, please see me, again by 3:30pm on Monday 12th December.

The next Governing Body meeting is at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2017.

Parent – Teacher Pupil Progress meetings

Parent – Teacher Pupil Progress meetings are being held next week on Monday 5th and Thursday 8th December, starting at 3:30pm on both evenings. A letter about appointment times for these meetings has been sent to all parents earlier this week. We look forward to meeting you at the times given.

Christingle Service and Nativity

We are delighted to be taking part in the Christingle Service at Saint Michael the Archangel Church in Kirkby Malham on Sunday 11th December. The service starts at 5pm, and we are expecting all the children to take part. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings next week – please can parents bring their children to the church (**NOT** school) for 9am on both these days, and we are arranging for the school bus to drop children off at the church. We will bring the children back to school on both days at the end of the rehearsals in time for their usual lunches.



Please do come to the service, and encourage family, friends and neighbours to do so too.

For Your Entertainment

The children are presenting 2 special entertainment events on the following 2 Tuesdays that I am sure you will want to see.

1. The first is a Musical Concert on Tuesday 6th December (3pm start – please note this amended start time), when the Class 2 children will be performing pieces that they have learnt on their instruments since starting the WOP music lessons. All parents are invited to come to this.



2. The second event is the Dance Showcase on following Tuesday, 13th December, this time starting at 2:45pm. On this occasion the children in Class 1 and Class 2 perform the dances they have learnt with Howard during their Tuesday morning lessons.

Please do come to both these events, and bring family and friends if you can.



Open Morning

We have a lot to celebrate in our school, and we would like as many people as possible to know about it. Our Open Morning on Monday 12th December is the ideal opportunity for you, members of your family and members of the community to come into school and take part in the lessons in the classroom. Everyone is welcome, particularly prospective parents, from 9:30am to 11:30am, so please do invite others to come too. All members of staff will be available to talk to, and refreshments will be served. We are giving the children some publicity flyers that you can use as invitations to anyone who you think would be interested in coming along.

Forthcoming Events Summary

Mon. 5 th Dec.	3:30pm onwards – Parent-Teacher Pupil Progress meetings (1)
Tues. 6 th Dec.	3pm – Musical Concert in school presented by Class 2
Thur. 8 th Dec.	all day – Class 2 visit to Leeds Museum
	3:30pm onwards – Parent-Teacher Pupil Progress meetings (2)
Fri. 9 th Dec.	Bobble Hat Day for NSPCC. Wear your favourite, most colourful or outrageous hat!! 2:45pm - Celebration Assembly
Sun. 11 th Dec.	5pm – Christingle Service at St. Michael the Archangel Church
Mon. 12 th Dec.	9:30am-11:30am – Open Morning 3:30pm – 6pm – Wraparound Christmas Party (please see separate letter for information)
Tues. 13 th Dec.	12noon – Christmas Dinner in school 2:45pm – Dance Showcase
Wed. 14 th Dec.	pm – Whole school visit to “Dick Whittington” pantomime in Harrogate (Details to follow next week, including a request for parent helpers)
Fri. 16 th Dec.	2:30pm – Christmas Assembly Next Newsletter 3:30pm – School closes for the Christmas and New Year holiday.
Tues. 3 rd Jan.	Staff training day
Wed. 4 th Jan.	9am – School re-opens for children at the start of the Spring Term.



We are all looking forward to a very enjoyable end of term and lead up to Christmas.

Chris Norris, Acting Headteacher

