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A message from Mrs J. Goodfellow, our staff, our children and the governors:

It's that time of year again! We hope that everyone is looking forward to the festivities. As usual, the children and staff have been extremely busy rehearsing performances, arranging Christmas parties, taking part in lots of fun activities and, of course, working very hard! The children were excited to see the Christmas tree up in the hall and are making every effort to ensure they are on their best behaviour to impress Santa Claus! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all back at school in January.

THANK YOU...

To everyone who donated items for the Christmas Fair! A special thanks to Hillstar Building Management, Carter Business Solutions and all of the local businesses for their generosity.

MORE THANKS...

Because of your kindness, we raised **£245.55** for Children In Need. The children were really excited to show us their spotty clothes and accessories.

Your support is extremely valuable and our families always step up when asked.

We're getting there...

The target for attendance set by the governors for last year (2017/18) was **96.4%**. The actual attendance figure was **96.3%** So we just missed our target.

The whole school attendance figure for this year to date is **96.9%** which is just above target. We hope we can work with all our parents/carers to improve this further and for this trend to continue in the future.

Governors have been assessing pupil attendance and would like to remind you that it is an important aspect of maximising your child's learning potential. Therefore, any child with attendance below 96% will be monitored closely. If you think you may have a situation which will be detrimental to your child's attendance, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to discuss how we may be able to help you.






A HUGE THANK YOU...

Our Christmas Fair was a **HUGE** success. You helped us raise a GRAND TOTAL of.....

£824.20!

Thank you to all our parents, carers, family members and the local community for your continuous support.



December 2018						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 	13 	14	15	16
17	18 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party	19 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party	20 Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 	21 Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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Our new Dates for your Diary calendar is designed for you to use at home. Why not remind yourself when your child's project is due or when their next school trip is? We hope this helps you to keep track of the school events throughout the year! If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter please visit the school website or social media pages and add your comments.

Dates to note:

Tuesday 4 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances (morning 9.30am, afternoon 1.45pm)
Thursday 13 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances (morning 9.30am, afternoon 2.00pm)
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th December	Carol service at St Nicholas Church
Friday 21 st December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	Last day of school – It's Christmas!
Monday 7 th January	Children return to school



Well done to our very own 'Angels of the North' who represented our school at Sage, Gateshead.

All the hard work paid off and the children were brilliant ambassadors for our school. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We must also say thank you to Miss Welsh for being a fabulous coach to the choir and to Mrs Goodfellow and Miss Smith. They all gave up their own time to ensure the children had this opportunity and made sure they got home safely!

Community Carol Service

The Reverend D. Atkinson, Vicar of St Nicholas with Christ Church has asked us to inform our families of the details of the Annual Community Carol Service. The service is always wonderful and this year will be held on Thursday 20th December at 6.00pm. Some of our children have been invited to sing and we hope you can come along and support them.

An apology...

We always try our best to provide you with the newsletter as soon as all items have been confirmed. However, this is not always possible due to unforeseen circumstances and last minute changes/additions that are beyond our control. We appreciate your understanding when issues such as these arise.

Well done to the children who were awarded Pupil of the Week during November:

- Year 1: Rhian, Ama, Rio and Ileana
- Year 1/2: Amelia, Oliver, Riley J and Yusuff
- Year 2: Raven, Olivia, Tyler and Leen
- Year 3: Danny, Joshua and Mia
- Year 4: Jack M and Holly
- Year 5: Ruby, Fanta, Harrison and Josh
- Year 6: Jasmin, Blake and Christian

Thank you all for working hard and making everyone proud of you!



A quick reminder: if you wish to share any of your children's achievements with us we would love to hear about them. Please leave a message at the main reception or send a brief note to school marked F.A.O. Governors Newsletter.

Important information...

Health and Safety in our school.

We have been asked by our health and safety advisors to remind parents that school begins at 9am and ends at 3.20pm at Riverside Primary Academy. At the beginning of the school day pupils are invited into school by members of staff and at the end of the day, handed back to a parent/carer. Pupils who attend breakfast and/or teatime club are supervised by staff whilst in these clubs. Outside of these times, parents are responsible for supervising their children on school premises.

We therefore ask that children **DO NOT** ride scooters or bikes in the yard or on the field, they must be pushed to the appropriate storage area, they **DO NOT** play football in the yard before and after the times specified above. These activities pose a serious risk of injury in a busy playground. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Jewellery

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear jewellery for school as this poses a risk to their safety and may also result in them missing opportunities to fully engage in school activities. Watches, but NOT smart watches, are allowed. Unfortunately, school cannot be responsible for any loss or damage of valuables.

Social Media/Privacy

Please be sensitive to other parents/carers and staff who DO NOT want videos & images of their children or themselves to appear on any online platform. School policy regarding this is available on:

<http://riversideprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Privacy-Notice-May-2018-approved-1.pdf>

And Finally.....

We would like to wish
EVERYONE involved with our
school, the local community
and all of your friends and
family...



We will see you all on 7th
January 2019!

For your consideration...

Parking

We have been asked to pass on some information to our parents in relation to parking. It has been noted that some of the vehicles used are sitting idle with the engine running which causes pollution and is in fact **against the law and could result in a fine.** Traffic control officers may be seen more frequently in the area due to this. For further information, please see one of the links below:

<https://www.confused.com/on-the-road/driving-law/fines-for-idling>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2002/0110423887>