



What a wonderful way to start the day. Friday 14th saw our key stage 2 children entertain their parents and family members with their grandparents lunch songs. The hall was filled with Christmas cheer, singing & dancing and an array of Christmas jumpers!



Grandparents Lunch

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who after cooking lunch for the children went on to cook a three course meal for our visiting grandparents!

The grandparents were entertained by singing from the children from Nursery to Year 6 alongside their delicious meal.

The lovely gold book comments from the grandparents showed how much the event was enjoyed and valued.

Key Stage 2 pupils will be visiting St. Andrew's church tomorrow (Tuesday) to take part in the Christmas service and celebrations. No Christingles are required as we unfortunately no longer able to light these church.



Year 3 have enjoyed a visit to Gladstone Pottery as part of their topic to learn about the heritage and history of the 'Potteries'. They had the opportunity to decorate their own plates and learn about the process from the beginning to end.



The children have enjoyed opening their Christmas book calendars each day. All of the books are on accelerated reader and so children will be able to read them at home and quiz on them afterwards.



Pocket Money Gifts for Loved Ones – Wednesday 19th December 2018

Following the huge success of our Christmas shop last year, we intend to provide children with the opportunity to purchase gifts for loved ones once again. The children loved browsing the gifts on offer and it was delightful seeing them choose with care gifts for their family members. Children may bring in their pocket money to purchase a gift for a parent/carer or grandparent. These gifts will range between £1 and £2.50. After purchasing the items, your child will have the gifts in a bag, which will be decorated by themselves.





Christmas Read and Share

This week, year groups from across the school will meet up to share Christmas stories together. This event happened earlier on in the year and was such a success that Miss Hawkes has organised for the event to take place again at the request of the children and teachers.

Children may bring in their own favourite Christmas or winter story to share with a friend on the day.



Snow Procedure

In the case of extreme weather, any decision whether or not to close the academy will be made as early as possible. The Principal will consult with our site staff and make a decision about whether school will remain open as soon as possible. In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow or ice the prime concern of the academy must always be the safety of the pupils and staff. Each school closure is logged on a daily basis after reassessment of conditions of the site and the surrounding area and the supervision of pupils.

Once a decision has been made to close the academy, we will inform you as soon as possible through our text messaging system.

The decision to close our academy is a serious one. Our main consideration will always be the health and safety of our children and staff. Please be aware that all schools are different and can be affected by such situations in different ways.

If you update your mobile telephone number please ensure you advise the school office who will then update our system with the new number.



The academy will close on Friday 21st December until Tuesday 8th January for pupils. Monday 7th is an inset day for staff. Footprints will be open on Monday, please make your booking and payment for the Monday 7th by the end of this week please.

Thank you for your support throughout 2018 and on behalf of our staff and Governors, may we wish you, a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

