



7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

**Mass and Assembly** – We will be celebrating a whole school Mass for the end of term on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. Everybody welcome.

**Mr Gould** – Mr Gould starts his paternity leave today as Mrs Gould is going into hospital. We wish them every good luck. Mrs Kirkpatrick will cover Y5 for the next week.

**Mrs Stott** – Mrs Stott will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her good luck and thank her for her time with us. Mrs Armstrong will cover until Mrs Sibson returns from maternity leave.

**Junior Christmas Productions** - Junior production tickets were distributed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas productions are always popular so please ensure if you have not already done so to hand your ticket request form, there are some unclaimed tickets from families. Please hand your form in by tomorrow.

Junior children to arrive back at school for the evening performances at 5:15pm. The performance will start at 5:45pm. Admission will be by ticket only. If anyone forgets tickets then we will ask them to wait until everybody else is in the hall and then we can assess capacity. Please do not forget your tickets to avoid any upset.

The evening performance will be filmed. Filming by parents is not allowed. DVD order forms will be available at the shows or alternatively send in payment of £6.50 for each DVD along with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Orders for the Infant Production need to be in by 9.00am Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The junior production DVD to be ordered by 9.00am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in order that they can be distributed before the Christmas break. Orders received after this time will be available in the New Year.

**PTA Christmas Draw** – were sent home on Tuesday. Tickets are 50p each. You will have the chance to win £100 cash prize, luxury wine hamper and many more great prizes. Your support is very much appreciated. Please return the ticket stubs along with your payment in the envelope provided to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle tickets will also be available to buy and both at productions and the draw will take place at the junior production.

**Dinner Monies** – please would you bring any outstanding payments up-to-date. **Please would you ensure that all advance payments and arrears are received by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December due to the Christmas holidays, any late payments received will not be processed until January.**

***We will not be able to issue a school dinner to any child where there is a debt of more than £20.00. In such cases parents will be expected to provide their child with a packed lunch.***

**Year 5 & 6 Residential Trips** – instalments are now overdue for: Robinwood of £36.00 and Kingswood of £26.00. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) please bring any outstanding payments up-to-date.

**Swimming** – Year 4 will be swimming from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. A letter will be sent out by the class teacher in due course. We need parent volunteers to help. Please could you let Miss Holland know if you are able to help.

**Admission to school September 2018** – letters have been posted out. If your child is registered at our school and you haven't received a copy of the application process then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. More detailed information is available on the school website under the Admissions section.

**Nursery Admissions** – we will be having a January intake offering 15 hours a week morning session only. Places are still available; please enquire at the school office about registering for a place.

**Inset day** – the third and final INSET day of the year has now been arranged. School will be closed on **Monday 29th January 2017**.

**Teachers2parents** - parents can now download the FREE App which is available on iOS and Android smartphone devices from App store or Playstore. The free App helps towards simplifying communications between school /parents and guardians.

**Food Bank Appeal** – In the hall we have an advent calendar in ‘reverse’ – nothing is taken out instead we are asking for a donation of non-perishable items for the food bank. Thank you.

**Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance – information from LA** - Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in any term (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents or carers may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The penalty notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution.

In law, an offence is committed if a parent or carer fails to secure a child’s regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

**Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice without a warning letter for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:**

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep more than once
- **They go on holiday in term time without school’s permission**
- The child fails to return to school following a fixed term exclusion

**Parish and community events - Mary’s Meals** - Mr White, A parishioner and a volunteer reader at school is celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday by doing a sponsored walk for Mary’s Meals. On the 26<sup>th</sup> January he will walk from St. Peter’s Primary School Stalybridge to St. Peter’s Primary School in Hazel Grove. If you would like to sponsor him the forms are available either from Church or you can donate on at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/rob-white/robs-st-peters-walk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/rob-white/robs-st-peters-walk) it only costs £13.90 to feed a child for a full year so any donation would be really appreciated.

**Christmas Brass Band Concert** - The Glossop Old Band will be performing an evening of carols and Christmas music in church, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults (including mulled wine and mince pies) and £3 for children. Tickets can be bought from Pat Fleming on 07784135812.

**Circus Starr** - Circus Starr Goes to Hollywood at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley, OL5 0HR Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 performances 4:45pm and 7pm – tickets are free, available from the school office with no limit.

Circus Starr is an independent charitable organisation that supports disadvantaged and disabled children across the UK.

#### **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm & 5:45pm** - Junior production - The afternoon performance will be filmed.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime in school.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner and party day.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:15 am** – Whole school mass for end of term, school closes at 2:30pm.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018** – school will be closed on this day for staff training

Kind regards

Mrs E. Summersgill  
**Headteacher**