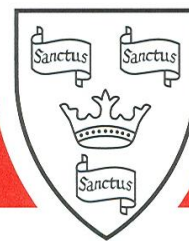


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Dear Parents/Guardians

As ever it is very busy around school at the moment as we begin to prepare for the Christmas season. I look forward to meeting with many of you over the next few weeks at one of our many events.

- The **Year Four** production of Little Red Riding Hood Tuesday 8th December at 2pm has everything that you could wish for from a Christmas pantomime...and more.
- The **Year Three** production of 'An Out of This World Christmas' on Friday 11th December at 2pm reignites the magic of a nativity.
- We are honoured and excited to be involved in a major project with VIVA orchestra and Lincoln Drill Hall. Our **Year 6** children are looking forward to working with conductors, composers and musicians to create new pieces that will be performed at a major concert at Lincoln Drill Hall on Tuesday 8th December 2009
- Our **Year Sixes** are working hard to prepare for a range of choirs and performances, including Mrs Kay and her excellent choir who will be performing at the Cathedral on Wednesday 9th December.
- You will be able to hear them again if you join us for our annual **Christmas Carol Service** at 7pm in All Saints Church Nettleham on Wednesday 16th December.
- This will be followed by our **PTAs Christmas craft and refreshment** evening in school from 7.30pm, which will also see the draw for the Grand Christmas Raffle. All are welcome.
- Children's **Christmas Party Day** is on Thursday 17th December. Alongside the usual food and games we have a theatre company coming in school to present 'Cinderella', kindly funded by the PTA.

For each event you will be receiving further information over the next week.

As we all seem to say at this time of year – so much to do and so little time! But the good will that flows between all members of our wide school family and the joy that the children bring and indeed gain from their performances make it all very much worthwhile. **Please note that school closes for children at 3pm on Friday 18th December and reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2010.**

Sports success

Our sports teams have had a very successful few weeks recently. The school team is currently unbeaten in both cup and league competitions and did very well in the Lincoln and District seven a side tournament losing 1-0 in the semi finals to Westgate in a tournament that involved 22 schools. Also our netball team have started their season with a convincing 6-1 win against Scothern Ellison Boulsters School.

Parking

Please take note that the yellow markings outside school are strictly not to be parked upon. We are very appreciative of how almost everyone has respected the school travel zone and are sure that the children are safer as a result.

Events in church over the Christmas period

“The clergy and church wardens of All Saints Church Nettleham would like to invite you all to attend some special events this Christmas.

A special crib service at 3pm on Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December. Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity.

A communion service to celebrate Christmas at All Saints Church on Christmas morning at 9.00 a.m. Children are encouraged to bring along a small present they have opened already – perhaps something from their stocking to show everyone.

The Christmas Journey event will be taking place on Monday 21st December – from 9.30am. Activities for children from aged 4-11. Booking is essential. Please ring Michelle on 01673 866464. More information to follow.

Also tickets for ‘A Shepherd’s Tale’ are selling steadily. This will be taking place between 11th and 13th December. Don’t miss out on this wonderful and unique experience.”

Charity

We have been overwhelmed by your support for our recent charity events. The Samaritan’s Purse shoebox scheme elicited an amazing response with a total of 79 well stocked gift boxes being collected. We currently have a large number of t-shirts in school that have been customised to provide beautiful gowns for the Blue Peter Send a Smile appeal – again a fantastic response.

Our sponsored walk for Children in Need was excellent with the children and staff continuing to walk against the odds...and weather whilst joined together in all manner of ways. Children in Need day has been great with non uniform and cakes adding to the fun. The total raised so far by school is an amazing £1500 (TBC).

Dogs on site and the school car park

Please do not to bring dogs onto the school site and also keep the school car park free of animals and pedestrians at all times. In both instances this is both for your own and the children’s safety. Should this be a problem, a clear waiting area exists in front of the school.

Changes in behaviour policy

Following our parental questionnaire we have been looking very specifically at the use of the ‘Green Book’ for behavioural issues in school. Staff and pupils have also been consulted over this and all were in agreement that more ‘minor’ issues should be dealt with within class by the child’s teacher. Only if these issues continue will the ‘Green Book’ be used. Obviously there are still issues, such as hurting others deliberately, where the ‘Green Book’ will be used immediately and parents be informed. Also non completion of homework will be dealt with by the issuing of a ‘one last chance’ letter and then children will have to complete the work in their lunchtime break if they do not take this chance.

The range of rewards far outweighs the sanctions in school and the introduction of this system has been very positive in its impact on behaviour in school which was already good and is now, I believe, excellent.

David Gibbons
Headteacher