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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas in style at Gibside School. There are lots of lovely festive activities coming up in December. Please find attached some important dates for your diary and more information on the next page.

Date	Event
Wednesday 7 th December	Staff & Pupils - Singing around the Christmas Tree
Friday 9 th December	<u>Christmas Fayre:</u> am - Open to families and friends pm - Children will visit with their classes
Tuesday 13 th December - 10am <u>OR</u> Wednesday 14 th December - 1.15pm	<u>Christmas Performance for classes:</u> Whale 1, Crocodile, Fox, Koala, Dragonfly, Ladybird, Elephant, Panda, Eagle, Bumblebee & Butterfly
Tuesday 13 th December - 1.15pm <u>OR</u> Wednesday 14 th December - 10am	<u>Christmas Performance for classes:</u> Whale 2, Hedgehog, Giraffe, Squirrel, Robin, Gorilla, Frog, Kangaroo, Badger, Rhino, Tiger & Caterpillar
Friday 16 th December	Fellside Brass Band playing in school Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 th December	<u>Christmas Parties and visit to Santa's Grotto:</u> Bumblebee, Butterfly, Caterpillar, Robin, Koala, Fox, Frog, Squirrel, Dragonfly, Badger, Ladybird & Hedgehog
Tuesday 20 th December - 11.00am	Raffle - Live Draw on Facebook
Tuesday 20 th December	<u>Christmas Parties and visit to Santa's Grotto:</u> Whale 1, Whale 2, Elephant, Panda, Rhino, Tiger, Crocodile, Eagle, Giraffe, Gorilla, Kangaroo
Thursday 22 nd December	Christmas Movie Afternoon
Friday 23 rd December	Staff Training Day - <u>School closed to pupils</u>



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Christmas Fayre

We would love to see as many families and friends as possible attend our fayre. This will take place in the school hall between 10.00 am - 11.45am (entrance via the main reception). Pupils will go along to the fayre in the afternoon with their friends and staff from class, so please send money in with them on the day. We would really appreciate any donations towards the stalls i.e., toiletries, bottles, children's toys/books, which must be in good clean condition or new. We will also be having a café so any items towards this would be great.

Christmas Raffle

Once again the Christmas raffle will be drawn via 'The Wheel of Names'. It is £1 to add a name to the wheel which can be paid via Pay 360 (Christmas Raffle 2022) or sending money into school (clearly stating the name for the wheel). First prize will be a £200 Metro Centre Voucher. We would appreciate any donations for our raffle and any items to make hampers for prizes.

Christmas Performances

You can book places for the Christmas Performance by emailing admin@gibsidesschool.uk or calling the school office. Places will be allocated on a first come basis and will be initially limited to 2 per family. If you require any further places then the names will be put onto a reserve list. When booking places please make sure you let us know the name and class of your child to enable us to make sure you attend the correct date and time when your child will be performing.

Christmas Parties

If you would like your child to change clothes for their party, please send them into school in a named bag on the morning of the party. We would also really appreciate a donation of £1 towards party food. This should be sent into school in a named purse or envelope at least a week prior to the party to enable staff to go and buy the food.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Angela Whistler
Headteacher



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