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**Friday 6th December**

Dear Parents/Carers

We would firstly like to thank all our families who attended the quiz night on Tuesday at the Longcar Pub. This was enjoyed by all and raised valuable funds for school. We have had lots of other activities taking place this term and as always our children have been enthusiastic and engaged at all times. We are pleased with the progress children are proud of how hard they work.

**Communication**

All classes should now be using Dojo to communicate with parents. Please can we remind parents that teachers will not reply to messages sent on dojo and if parents need to contact the class teachers this can be done by email or by arranging to speak to the teacher at the end of the day.

We will continue to send newsletters but these will only be sent on weeks where new information needs to be sent or when any dates have been added. Each newsletter will contain a rolling calendar so it is important that these dates are saved. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

**Upcoming events and fundraising opportunities**

We have got various activities taking place over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas including our Christmas fair. We are still short on tombola prizes and bottles if anybody has anything else they would like to bring in.

A few parents have asked what we do with the money raised. An example of how some of the money is spent can be seen below.

* To buy Christmas presents and provide children with parties on special occasions.
* Fundraising so that we can develop the library into a sensory room.
* We have purchased a new set of pe mats for the hall which all children will benefit from during their time at Shawlands.

**Dates**

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| **December** |  |
| Wednesday 11th 2pm | EYFS nativity (tickets required) |
| Thursday 12th 9:30am | EYFS nativity (tickets required) |
| 2pm | Christmas fair |
| Friday 13th | Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day, EYFS panto and Elf Run (for the Barnsley Hospice) |
| Monday 16th | Key stage 1 Christmas party |
| Tuesday 17th | EYFS Christmas party |
| Wednesday 18th | Upper key stage 2 party (years 5 and 6) |
| Thursday 19th | Lower key stage 2 Christmas party (years 3 and 4) |
| Friday 20th 2pm | Key stage 2 children to attend church for Christmas carols and service(all welcome) |
| Friday 20th 1.15pm-1.45pm | EYFS and key stage 1 carol concert in the hall (children can be taken after the concert) only 1 parent/carer will be allowed due to room in the hall. |
| Friday 20th  | School closes for Christmas  |

**Christmas lunch and jumper day**

This will be a non-uniform day for all children and they can wear Christmas jumpers/ dresses or shirts etc. They do not need to wear uniform under their jumpers. Children will also be taking part in the elf run on this day so please make sure they have suitable outdoor footwear. Any child who has PE on this day can either wear their PE kit under their jumper or bring it to change into. If you would like to sponsor your child/children we have a justgiving page to donate any money to the Barnsley Hospice, we are trying to raise £500 for this amazing cause. Please use the link:-

**justgiving.com/page/shawlands-primary-school-1732788854821**.

**Christmas Fair**

Children can be picked up from their classrooms at 1.45pm. Any children not getting picked up early will stay with their class and can go to the fair with an adult after school.

**Christmas Parties**

Children can arrive at school in their party clothes on the day of their party. Children will be outside at playtime and dinner time so warm suitable footwear and clothing will be required. Please do not send children in make-up and jewellery.

**Church service and carol concert**

The carol concert in school will be for all children in nursery, reception. Year 1 and year 2. Only 1 person can attend due to limited space in the hall. Children can be taken home after the concert at 1.45pm. Any parents wanting to take their younger children up to church to watch their older siblings are welcome to. School will be open as usual until 3.30pm for all those not attending the concert.

Key stage 2 children will be walked up to the church by the teachers, parents and carers can meet us there. Everyone is welcome as we have plenty of space in the church. Children can be taken home straight from church. Any child left at the end of the service will be walked back to school and can be picked up/walk home as normal

Kind regards,

Mrs Athorn and the Shawlands team