



**Staffing:** In January, Mrs Cook will be reducing her working week to four days. Miss McCarthy will teach Year 2 on Fridays.

**Thank you** to Mr. Nigel Williams for donating the Christmas tree.

**Free School Meals:** If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals (eFSM), please ask at the office for a form. This not only helps families financially, but also the school.

**Attendance:** the majority of children have excellent attendance. Thank you for this. We ask that holidays are not booked in term time. Poor attendance affects attainment and can impact on friendship groups. The school will be monitoring the small minority of children with below satisfactory levels of attendance. Fixed penalty notices will be issued by the local authority for parents of these children whose attendance does not improve next term.

**Safeguarding:** Should you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to do so. If this is before school starts, please sign in at the office. This is for safeguarding and fire regulations. Please direct any concerns regarding your child to his/her class teacher in the first instance.

**Cashless Payments:** A reminder that school dinners, breakfast club and school trips will be paid for via ParentPay from January. We will not be able to accept cash payments. Please see the office staff if you have any queries or you are not yet registered for cashless payments. Usernames and passwords are available.

**Building Work:** It is hoped that the building work will be completed by the end of January.

**PTFA:** Many thanks for the hard work this term. All money raised is used to enhance the learning experiences of the children. The pupils' School Council is always at the heart of any decisions made with regard to how any money is spent.

A big thankyou to all of the children and staff for their efforts this term. The plays, choir performances, parties, open morning and many other events would not have been as successful as they were if it were not for the hard work of everyone.

**The children return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**