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Dear Parents

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PTA BONFIRE – Many thanks to everyone who supported the PTA Bonfire Night which raised £607.95 for the PTA funds. As always your help and support in making it such a success is greatly appreciated.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – Thank you for supporting our recent Children in Need non uniform day. Everyone looked wonderful in their topsy turvy clothes which raised a total of £119.00 for the Children in Need charity.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL -COLLECTION IS THIS FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

If you have bags of clothes then please make sure they're at school by 9am. If you are unsure what to include then please check at <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect> There are spare bags in school if you need more. Alternatively you can bring extra bin bags full of clothes. It's a great chance to clear out unwanted clothes & textiles, and make money for the school too!

CHRISTMAS PLAY AUDIENCES

Rehearsals are going very well and the children are looking forward to entertaining you with their Christmas plays next week. Just to remind you, children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be performing 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th of December starting at 2.00pm. We expect the performances to last approximately 45 minutes to an hour after which you may take your child, and older siblings home. Please ensure that you inform their classteacher before you leave the school premises.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' on the evenings of Wednesday 7th and Thursday 9th December commencing at 6.00pm. Performers should arrive in school no earlier than 5.40pm.

Due to the number of KS2 children performing, we are expecting large audiences at the evening performances. Without restricting the number of guests per child, we hope that we can accommodate everyone by requesting that only family members attend the performances. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate ex-pupils unless they are watching their own younger siblings. If you know of any ex-pupils who are intending to come along to the performances, please pass on this information to avoid them being refused entry on the night. We do permit video recording and photographs of the performances, however **these must be for your own use only** and not be uploaded onto the internet, for example social media websites and Instagram. We request that photographs are not taken during the performances as flash lights can be very distracting. There will be a photo opportunity at the end of the performances.

SANTA NIGHT AND NON UNIFORM DAY

The PTA will be holding their annual Christmas fund raising event after school on Friday, 9 December. It promises to be a fun event, with lots of stalls, including tombola, lucky dip, second hand toys, and Christmas crafts. **Friday 9 December will be a non-uniform day**, and we ask that you support the PTA by donating a tombola prize. Any help on the night will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTINGLE

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Christingle at All Hallows Church in Sutton on Sunday 11 December 2016 at 4.30pm. Christingle Candles have been handed out to each family in which collect donations for The Children's Society. If you are unable to attend the service and would like to make a donation, please return your candle to school before our own Church service on Wednesday 14 December.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

In view of the unpredictable weather at this time of year, we will be travelling by coach to All Hallows Church on Wednesday 14 December for our Christmas service which starts at 10.00am. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us at church. I expect the service to last approximately 45 minutes, after which the children will return to school for a Christmas Lunch. If your child doesn't normally stay for school dinner and they wish to have Christmas lunch, please order this by next Monday at the very latest. Payment of £2.10 should be sent in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In school we try to be as environmentally aware as possible. Therefore, one again we would like to discourage children from bringing cards into school for all the children in their class. We suggest that, if they wish to send a card, this is one to the whole class rather than individual children.

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SCHOOL CLOSURE/BAD WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

As winter approaches may I remind you that if school has to be closed at short notice, the closure will be announced in Radio York, Minster FM and of course our own school website. During snowy weather please ensure that you equip your child with suitable winter clothes, including boots or wellies, so that they can go out a playtimes/lunchtimes.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - School will close at the **earlier time of 2.30pm on Friday 16 December** and re-open to pupils on Wednesday 4 January 2017. On Tuesday 3 January school will be closed to pupils for staff training.

Yours sincerely

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