











## Dear Parents and Carers.

I recently met with a number of parents about fundraising and the possibility of starting the PTA again. I agree that it would be a fantastic way for the parents and children to meet and take part in activities that will raise valuable funds for the school.

In the New Year I would like to hold a meeting with any interested parents to discuss how we could move forward with this. Details to follow in January.

In the meantime we will hold our annual Christmas raffles during our Christmas performances and progress / attendance assembly. If you would like to donate anything for this we would be very grateful, maybe a box of chocolates, sweets or biscuits? I know we have been very kindly offered a Christmas cake to raffle. All funds will go towards resources for the children.

Any donations can be dropped off at the school office.

## Dates for the diary...

7<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas lunch.

8<sup>th</sup> December KS1 visit to Newcastle College for a pantomime performance of "Shrek". Nursery Christmas craft and cookery morning.

9<sup>th</sup> December Reception, Ladybirds and Bee's will visit Santa at Garners Garden Centre in the afternoon. Children will be back at school for collection at normal time.

13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 and KS2 performances both at 9.15am and 1.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas church service at St Mary's church at 9.30am, all welcome, free refreshments afterwards at school. EYFS Christmas performance at 1.30pm.

15<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15 am. Also class Christmas parties in school time.

16<sup>th</sup> December Progress / attendance assembly at 9.15am, also today is the day we celebrate Christmas Jumper day, all the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper / top or own clothes and bring donation of a £1. School closes for Christmas break, **reopening Tuesday** 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

Thank you so much for your valued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Wheaver Principal