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#### **DIARY DATES**

Academy Disco

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**EYFS Nativity** 

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2pm)

Key Stage 1 Christmas Play

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (2pm & 5:30pm)

Christmas lunch

Wednesday 19th December

Last day of Autumn term

Friday 21st December

**Christmas Holidays** 

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Pupils return

Monday 7th January 2019

Reading Stars - Year 5

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Half Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

INSET – children not in

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Pupils return

Tuesday 26th February 2019

Academy Transformation Trust Primary Academy Dear Parents and friends of Star Academy,

I can't believe how quickly this term has flown by; we only have two weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays. We have had a highly successful term so far and it isn't over yet as we enter the festive season. Take a look through the newsletter and scan the diary dates for upcoming events.

#### **Staffing**

It is with sadness that I must inform you that we will be losing some staff at the end of this term. As you are already aware, Mrs Broadhurst is moving on to new and exciting adventures. Recruitment for a replacement Head of Academy is underway. In the meantime, I will be spending more time at Star to ensure the academy continues to go from strength to strength.

Mrs Chatterton and Mrs Callas will also be leaving us. Mrs Callas plans on working closer to home so that more precious time can be spent with her family. Mrs Chatterton is moving to Devon and is taking on the exciting endeavour of working in a brand new Special Needs school.

Finally, Mrs Fern has decided to retire and spend some wellearned and deserved time relaxing.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing all the staff that are moving on the very best of luck. They have all dedicated themselves to Star children and the governors and me thank them for their service and hope that their new adventures are everything they deserve.

Recruitment has already taken place for the year 5 and year 1 teachers. Mr Tim Ellis will be teaching in Year 5 and Miss Rosanna Drew will be the new teacher in Year 1. Miss Drew will also be the new SENCO. Both members of staff will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our academy.

If you have any questions regarding the staffing changes please feel free to come and see me or contact me.

Thank you for your endless support - it all helps to make Star Academy a success.

Mrs Bobbie Caisley

# ACADEMY COMMITTEE AT STAR ACADEMY

The Academy Committee is made up of Governors who oversee the strategic improvements to our school.

From September 2018, a joint Academy Committee was established between Star Academy and Sun Academy.

The governors for Star academy now consist of:

Miss Sue Finney: Chair of Governors

Fr. Chris Routledge: Vice Chair

Mrs Claire Ashmore: Community

Mrs Shelley Baddaley: Community

Mr Sam Darlington: Officio

Mrs Bobbie Caisley: Officio

Mrs Stacey Green: Staff

Miss Jess Clarke: Staff.

There are currently parent vacancies that we will look to recruit in the new year.

Our Academy Committee have already begun to get to know the school well.

## FS1 & FS2 Nativity

FS parents are warmly welcomed to join us for the Early Years Nativity show.

Monday 17th December 2pm



2 free tickets per family Available from the class teachers.

Donations on the door!

## KS1 Christmas Play

KS1 parents are warmly welcomed to join us for the Year 1 & 2 Christmas show

Tuesday 18th December at 2pm and 5:30pm



2 tickets per family available from the school office from Monday.

Donations on the door!

## Respect! Tolerance! Kindness!

As part of our ongoing personal and social curriculum we have been looking at respect, tolerance and kindness. These are all qualities we want our children to have. In this age of stresses and everyday concern these are attributes that can only make our life much easier and happier. Please talk to your children about these qualities and how we can use them each day.

## Christmas dinner

Christmas dinner will be available to all pupils on Wednesday  $19^{th}$  December at a cost of £2.40

Vegetarian options are available.

If you wish your child to have a lunch then please order and pay (via school money) for the meal no later than Wednesday  $12^{th}$  December.





Drinks in school



Please note that drinks brought in for consumption in class should be water.

Juices (not fizzy) should only be used for lunches.

All the staff and Governors wish you a very happy festive



