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### *'Developing the whole child'*

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Our Christian value this term is Love

**Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term.**

Another big thank you to all the children and parents for your very generous and kind Christmas gifts and greetings. We celebrated a wonderful Christmas in school with our whole school Nativity 'Stable Manners'; Christmas parties and Carol Service in St Mary's Church. Now we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have made New Year's resolutions and healthy living is a focus of our work across school this term.



### Curriculum Letters and Topics for the term

Classes 1 and 2 are focussing on Weather; The Great Fire of London and later in term, Durham Cathedral and Saint Cuthbert.

Class 3 is studying the country of North America and Class 4 is exploring Victorian times. Each class teacher has outlined other topic areas to be covered and days for class PE in the curriculum letters sent home today. Homework continues to go home on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher if you are unsure about anything.

**Staying Safe online for your child -  
Parent's Presentation Thursday 18th**

**January 6pm** The NSPCC Staying Safe online campaign will be giving a presentation to parents in school on **Thursday 18th January at 6pm**. Lots of top tips to help keep your child safe online.

**Clubs start next week** Children have received their confirmation booking slips

**Y6 SATs Club on Thursday** Starting on Thursday 18th January, we hope that all of our Y6 children will be able to stay till 4.30pm to help them to prepare for their Year 6 tests.

**Year 6 SATs week 2018 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Tuesday  
23rd January at 6pm.** This is for parents of Year 6 children - please put the date in your diary and make it a priority.

**Diary Dates for this term** A full list of diary dates has been sent home today. This includes Class Assembly dates and Parent Teacher Consultation dates after half term. More detailed information on events will follow. Also term dates for the next academic year.

**Parish News** Rev Yvonne would like to invite everyone to the Open2All Service for Candlemas this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm in St Mary's Church. Please bring your Christingle candles and enjoy Songs, Stories and Food. Thank you to everyone who has returned their Children's Society collecting



candles to school and supported this charity.

**How can I support my child in making  
good progress in their learning?**

**Reading** - please hear your child read as often as possible. As they move into years 4, 5 and 6 please ensure your child is still reading regularly and independently; ask them questions about their books and check they understand tricky words.

**Maths and learning times tables** Learning times tables is an area in which you can really help your child make progress in Maths. The curriculum states that::

By the end of Year 2 children should know: x2, x5, x10 tables. .  $2 \times 7 = 14$ ;  $10 \div 2 = 5$

By the end of Year 3 children should also know x3, x4, x 8 tables  $4 \times 8 = 32$ ;  $64 \div 8 = 8$

By the end of Year 4 your child needs to know all their tables to x12 mixed up, with a quick response:  $8 \times 9 =$   $7 \times 8 =$   $9 \times 7 =$  . The equivalent division bond is also important:  $72 \div 8 =$   $56 \div 7 =$   $63 \div 9 =$

If your child is in Year 5 and 6 they need to be fluent and confident in their times tables knowledge to x12.

**Times Tables Rock Stars** - all our children from Year 1 upwards have a login to this - ask your class teacher if you are unsure.

**New Parent Governor** I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Lisa Hutchinson will be serving a second term of office as parent governor.

**Safe parking at collection times** - please avoid parking on the grass verge near the cemetery where congestion is reducing safe visibility for traffic.