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EASTWOOD NEWS

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Holidays are coming.....!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our annual Christmas lunch takes place on Thursday 19th December. Pupils will enjoy a traditional / halal turkey dinner and snowman icecream pudding. Meals can be paid for as usual at the school office.

YEAR OF SAFETY

As mentioned previously, Keighley Schools Together are committed to ensuring all Keighley's pupils are safe and well cared for all year round. We know however that there are lots of weeks when our pupils are not at school and you may be concerned about them, or about other children in our town. We have therefore produced some flyers and bin stickers which we hope you will stick on your bins so that any members of the community know who to call or what to do if they are worried about a child or young person. Please do share this information with friends and family and display your bin sticker with pride!

KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 19th December at 10am and 1:45pm to watch and enjoy KS1's Christmas play. Please arrive by the hall doors. We all look forward to seeing you there!

As another busy term draws to a close, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

WINTER FAIR THIS THURSDAY!

We will be hosting a **Winter Fair – Thursday 12th December 2:30-3:30pm** in the hall and café in the Family Centre. Parents / carers are invited to collect your children from 2:30pm from the usual cloakrooms to take them round to visit the stalls and café. You are then free to take your child(ren) home. Children who's parents cannot collect them early will still have time to visit the fair after school. Year 5 & 6 pupils will be helping run the event. Families are welcome to collect year 5/6 pupils from 2:30pm. They will all be dismissed at 3pm to either go straight home or visit the fair. This will help ensure all pupils and families have time to visit. We hope you will all come along to support this important fundraiser. All money raised will go towards a new school minibus.

We would like to remind you all of the importance of keeping reading with and to your children over the holidays. There are lots of free reading apps and resources available on the internet and we are extremely fortunate to still have a free library in Keighley. Children and adults can take out up to 20 books which should keep them going over the 2 week break!

We received a handful of nominations for the role of Parent Governor but have been unfortunately unable to appoint as the nomination forms were not complete. Governors will discuss this at the next meeting in January and decide how we proceed.

I am sure you will join me in passing on your thanks to the whole staff team here at Eastwood for their very hard work and dedication and we in turn thank you all for your continued support of our school and your young people.

We wish you a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all on January 7th.
Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We know many year 5 / 6 parents struggled to purchase ties in August / September. Andrew Firths' uniform shop has been taken over by a different manager and they have assured us that outstanding items should be available over the Christmas holidays. If your child still does not have a tie, please do ensure they have one for January, thank you. May we also remind you all that PE kit and trainers may only be worn on PE / OLC days. Plain black school shoes must be worn at all other times. Fashion hair cuts are also not permitted. Thank you for your support.

TERM DATES

Term dates for 2020-2021 (next academic year) now available from the office so that you can plan holidays in school holidays, as per Keighley Schools Together policy. They will also shortly be posted on our website.

PLEASE NOTE: The Government has changed the date of the May Day Bank holiday in 2020 so it will now NOT be held on Monday 4th May as per the term dates but WILL now be held on FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020. Please make a note of this change in your diaries / calendars. A reminder text will be sent out nearer the time.

TERM DATES

School closes for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December. All staff will be in school on Monday 6th for training but school is not open for pupils until Tuesday 7th. We wish you a great holiday.

ATTENDANCE

We know that there are lots of illnesses around at the moment but would like to remind you all that children should be sent into school unless severely ill. If you are unsure, please give them appropriate medication and send them in; our first aiders will assess them when in school and send them home if they are too ill to stay. Thank you for your support.

PARENT'S FORUM

Our next Parent's Forum will be on Monday 13th January at 2:30pm in the Family Centre. We will be talking about the new Government Relationships Policy and how this will be used in school.

CHOIR CONCERTS

Our school choir will once again be singing for members of the public at Sainsbury's next week and have sung at the Raikes Care Home in Silsden this week. Fantastic community spirit from all involved!