

# Your Weekly Newsletter



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## Diary Dates

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019

School re-opens after Christmas Holidays

8.50 am

**The end of a fabulous term!!** – After a busy and productive autumn term, here we are at the Christmas Holidays. It has been a great term with many achievements and success for both individuals and groups of children.

**Sports** - Our children have continued to succeed in sports with new success and skills being shown in sports such as table tennis and basketball, as well as our usual success in football and athletics. Next half term we are hoping to start introducing badminton to some of our pupils. It has also been wonderful to see everyone doing the daily mile on our new track. We are all getting fitter every day.

**Performing Arts** - Our performers have been equally busy. Our dancers wowed the audience at the Opera House with their 20's routine, our Nativities were fabulous, our choirs have been busy and successful, our class assemblies have been fantastic, our Shakespearean thespians performed at the Grand Theatre, all Year 3 children celebrated their learning with the Royal Ballet and we had a winner in the Fleetwood High Talent Show (well done Izzy!). Next term will be just as busy with a number of performances in the pipeline including some children in Les Miserable and our Drama Club teaming up with some of the staff for Peter Pan!!!

**Academia** - Our big focuses have been **times tables** and **reading**. The children seem to be loving the competition of the Times Tables Rock Stars and the VIPERS reading opportunities are certainly helping to improve reading across the school. Please can I urge you to ensure your children are active readers over the holidays and encourage them to keep broadening their vocabulary? **I have a challenge for you all - can you introduce your children to a brand new word every day?** If you can, they will know 14 new words by the time they return to school. In the New Year we are going to introduce some curriculum workshops for parents so you can find out more about what your children are learning. Watch this space for more details soon.

Thanks to all the staff who work so hard to provide our children with a huge variety of opportunities.

## Christmas Staff Video

Hope you have all had a chance to view this year's Staff Christmas Video. We understand that it has been watched in Australia, USA, China and Scotland. Wow! We hope it has all made you smile. We certainly smiled a lot making it and the children had fun watching it this week. Thanks to all the staff who took part with particular thanks to Mr Morley and Mr McGinnis for putting it all together. If you haven't had the chance to see it here

is the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSVnqRDIIIFg&t=10s> **Don't forget to watch the post-credits Easter Egg!!!!**



**Guitar Lessons returning soon** – As those who have guitar lesson will be aware, we have had to postpone lessons for the last four weeks as Mr Dann had secured a full time post at a Fleetwood school. Blackpool Music Service have now appointed a new guitar teacher, Mr Dearden, who will re-start guitar lessons at our school on **MONDAYS** starting **14<sup>th</sup> January**. More details first week back



**Family Carol Service – THANKS** – A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Carol Service at Rossall Chapel yesterday. There was a fantastic turn out of parents, children and staff and we had a wonderful time together. It is such a magical venue and we all certainly felt a little Christmassy afterwards. Huge thanks to all the children and staff who took part and to the Year 5 teachers for co-ordinating it all. Special thanks to Mrs Hurst for leading the orchestra

**After School Activities after the Christmas Holidays** – There will be no activities the first two days back, however, some activities will start in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Choir will return on 8<sup>th</sup> January (Elvis' birthday)

Junior Artists will return on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Staff leading other clubs will let parents know as and when other clubs will return.

**Please don't confuse these with the Breakfast and After School Care Clubs – they will of course commence the first day back.**

**Good habits and new year resolutions for 2019** – Please could we all think about a couple of important things that could be done as part of New Year Resolutions.....

**Be on time at 10 to nine** – Please could I ask all families to get into the habit of being at school ready for the doors to open at 8.50. As I have said on many occasions before, being late is not a good habit to develop.

**Courteous Parking** – Despite numerous communications and requests, we are still having people parking discourteously and dangerously on the Zig Zag lines outside school almost every day. Please let's try hard not to do this in 2019.

**Read Anchornews, letters and ParentApp messages** – From the number of telephone calls we get asking about things which have been included in letters and Anchornews, it is clear that some of these messages are not being read. **Please, please, please** read all letters and messages that come from school. Please also double check your child's book back for letters, ParentApp for messages and the school website for other communications.



**100% Attendance Awards** – We are introducing a new system to celebrate 100% attendance each term. Children getting 100% attendance for one term will get a bronze badge. If they achieve it for two terms it is a silver badge and a gold for three terms. If a child misses out in one term, they can still get a bronze badge the following term. However, attendance does not carry over into a new school year, so gold can only be achieved in one academic year. **Please be aware that 100% means 100%**, i.e. the

child will have attended every class registration. Unfortunately, they cannot be registered as being here if they are at an appointment or an event not directly linked to school. Sorry to seem harsh but we must adhere strictly to this. The first bronze badges for the Autumn term will be handed out to "100%ers" when we come back after Christmas.

Thanks for your continued support of the school and all events and activities we provide for your children

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and the very best wishes for 2019

See you all in January 2019!!

Please, please, please can I urge you to read this Anchornews each week. Remember you can also read all other Anchornews on our school website [www.anchorsholme.co.uk](http://www.anchorsholme.co.uk)

