



Dear Families and Friends

Three weeks on from the events of 31st October, the school now feels a little more relaxed as we adjust to our new ways of working. Progress in moving forward is somewhat slower than we expected at this stage as the City Council work behind the scenes to put plans in place for some temporary accommodation and to replace the hall roof. The latest information is included overleaf and on our website. I would like, again, to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their tremendous support during this time. The children have, as we knew they would, been very supportive in adapting to a few new routines. So, as we move forward with the autumn term and now have confirmation of dates from St Hilda's Church for the use of their building, I want to share with you our schedule for forthcoming events, including Christmas concerts and plays. Please note that some of our performance dates have had to be changed or cancelled.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY (see website for all events)

<i>Monday 24th November (all day)</i>	<i>Year 3 Class Visit (Poole's Cavern, Buxton)</i>
<i>Tuesday 25th November (all day)</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Visit (Tatton Park, Viking Day)</i>
<i>Friday 28th November, 9.15am</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Assembly (St Hilda's Church)</i>
<i>Friday 5th December, 9.15am</i>	<i>No Assembly on this date (rehearsals)</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th December, 9.30am</i>	<i>Early Years Christmas Play (St Hilda's Church)</i>
<i>Thursday 11th December, 1.45pm</i>	<i>Key Stage 1 Christmas Play (St Hilda's Church)</i>
<i>Friday 12th December, 9.15am</i>	<i>Assembly (St Hilda's Church)</i>
<i>Tuesday 16th December, 7.00pm</i>	<i>Years 3 – 6 Christmas Concert (St Hilda's Church)</i>
<i>Wednesday 17th December, 7.00pm</i>	<i>The Christie Christmas Concert (choir at Gorton Monastery)</i>
<i>Thursday 18th December</i>	<i>Christmas Lunch (to be confirmed)</i>
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>Christmas Parties (afternoon)</i>
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>School closes for the Christmas Holiday</i>

KEY DATES for your DIARY continued



Monday 5th January 2015

School opens for the Spring Term 2015

Wednesday 7th January 2015

Reception Class Visit : The Lowry Theatre (Bear Hunt)

Thursday 8th January 2015

Year 1 Class Visit : The Lowry Theatre (Bear Hunt)

CHRISTMAS DIARY / EVENTS

You will note from our diary of events that we have had to make some changes to our original Christmas schedule for plays and concerts. St Hilda's Catholic Church on Kenworthy Lane have kindly offered us the use of their church for some events and assemblies. Given that we do not want to over-burden the church (or significantly impact on their daily church services more than we have already done so) and that the seating capacity at the church is ample for all parents, we will be performing our Christmas plays and concerts on only one occasion, rather than two, this year. Tickets for these events will be available from the school office from Wednesday of next week, limited initially to two tickets per family.



PARENTS' EVENING – THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for attending parents' evening this week and for adapting to our current circumstances. It was not possible for us to offer a crèche for the children on this occasion but, all being well, we will do so next time.

ROOF REPLACEMENT / SCHOOL MEALS

Plans are now being drawn up for the school roof to be replaced with a new roof rather than a temporary roof as first planned. This work is unlikely to start until January and will take up to 3 months to complete. We will, therefore, be without our school hall for most of the spring term. At this stage, we are expecting our temporary accommodation to be installed during the week beginning 1st December. As soon as this facility is up and running, we will be introducing hot school meals again, phased over a few days. The installation of the temporary building (which will take up most of our car park) will require a road closure and other safety measures to be put in place. These are now being arranged through the City Council's Highways department.



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MEETINGS POSTPONED
UNTIL THE SPRING TERM 2015

The 'Friends' have made the decision to postpone their planned meeting for 25th November until the spring term. At this stage, because of the school's circumstances, we have cancelled the children's discos planned for December. The thinking at this stage is that we will have a disco/party event to celebrate the re-opening of the school hall, hopefully late in the spring term. In the meantime, for the latest news from the Friends or to contribute to their online discussions, please see their Facebook page.