

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a super Christmas break and that 2018 is another good year for you and your family.

The children have settled well and are all working hard. I have heard many wonderful stories about their festivities and the things they have been getting up to.

If you have not already, you should receive a letter detailing what your child will be covering over the next few months – this will also be on the school website.

Please remember you can always catch your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or please pop into the office or a quick phone call should you want a longer meeting.

Assemblies. This week we have had a survey running asking for your views on assembly times.

Thank you to those that took the time to reply. The results were that 55% of parents wanted afternoons and 45% wanted mornings. As this result is so close, we are going to trial this term's assemblies in the morning. This will then allow us to make a decision for the future that best suits the school. We will look at how it affects the teaching and learning and whole school timetables. The final decision will be one that we believe benefits the children.

Blaydon in the top 10 places in UK! The Evening Chronicle reported last night that Blaydon is in the top 10 places in England to buy a house according to the website Zoopla.

Blaydon is a property hotspot and comes fifth in Zoopla's league table of commuter town house price hotspots.

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/property-news/who-would-guessed-part-north-14139108>

Calendar. We will be updating you with calendar dates as soon as we have them – please remember to check as we do change these as needed.

Contact details. Please inform the school office if you have new contact details- for example if you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas. It is really important that they are kept up to date – failure to do this and should something occur where we cannot contact you, could end up with a Social Services referral .

Dinner Money - must be paid for in advance of meals taken. We cannot provide meals and have the debt paid at a later date. Our Dinner Money policy is on the school website should you wish to refer to it.

Attendance: This week's attendance is 96.7%. Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 who both had 100% attendance.

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