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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the Autumn term and Christmas approach, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support.

As you know, at Whinney Banks we have an extremely dedicated and hard-working team of staff who are committed to giving your children the very best. As a staff, we know that we are very much appreciated and that you, as parents and carers, often want to show that appreciation. Over recent years it has become more common to purchase gifts for teachers and teaching assistants at Christmas which, although very thoughtful, is not at all expected.

Some parents have more than one child in school and some of your children work with numerous adults - buying gifts can become such an expense. Without a doubt, the nicest gift a teacher can receive is a handmade picture or card.

If you do feel as though you would also like to offer a gift, we have agreed as a staff that this year we would ask for something slightly different and at much less cost to you so that we could support the Middlesbrough Food Bank during December.

If you wish to donate a tin, dry packet or jar of something that would be very much appreciated. Please send this in with your child. The last day for donations will be Monday 18th December. We can then forward these on to supporting others in our community.

A number of Middlesbrough schools are taking this approach. We hope that by doing this we will encourage our children to consider the true meaning of Christmas and help others who are in need at this time of the year.

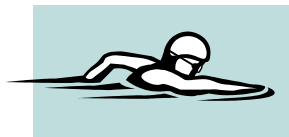
With very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

S. Thorpe & Staff at Whinney Banks Primary School

Please see information overleaf



SPRING TERM – HELPFUL DATES



Y4 Swimming: Mr Darcy
Monday 5th February – Friday 23rd February 2018

Mr Cuthbertson
Monday 12th March – Friday 23rd March 2018



Year 2 Beamish Museum: Tuesday 6th March 2018

School Photographs: Friday 2th February 2018

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Dance Celebration: Wednesday 28th February 2018

Y5 & Y6 Dance Celebration: Wednesday 21st March 2018



Y3 Pedestrian Training: Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March 2018



Open Afternoon:

Thursday 29th March 2018