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Dear Parent / Guardian,

School finishes for the Christmas break on Friday 21st December. Pupils should return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Website and Twitter**

We are continually updating our website. Please take a minute to download our App at [www.whinneybanks.org.uk](http://www.whinneybanks.org.uk). We have a Twitter feed from our website too, @BanksPrimary. Please visit our website and see the range of experiences and the different opportunities available to our children.

### **Playgrounds**

We work hard in school to make sure that your children are in a safe and secure environment. It has come to our attention that some adults are using inappropriate language in our playground. This is **unacceptable** and any adults who use inappropriate language on school premises will be asked to leave. We would appreciate your help in making sure this does not happen on school grounds.

### **Smoking**

Whinney Banks is a smoke free primary school. Please do not smoke **anywhere** on our grounds. This includes e-cigarettes.

### **Vacancy for Parent Governor**

Are you interested in being a Parent Governor? Joining the Governing Body as a parent governor is a great way to give something back to our school and gain a deeper understanding of how we provide our children with the best possible education and experiences. You would need to:

- Attend 3 termly meetings of the full governing body
- Sit on a committee and attend the meetings which are usually once per term
- Attend training courses, perform additional research and take part in monitoring as required.

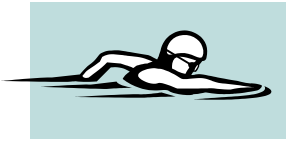
If you are interested, please call me on the above number.

We would like to thank you for all your contributions towards the Middlesbrough Food Bank. These are much appreciated. We would also like to thank you for your support and wish you a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to your continued support in the New Year.

Mrs S Thorpe  
Head Teacher

See overleaf for a list of helpful dates

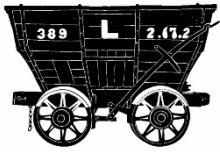
## SPRING TERM – HELPFUL DATES



Y3 Swimming: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Y4 Swimming: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Year 2 Library visit: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Year 2 Beamish Museum: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

School Photographs: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Year 4 Town Hall Music Event: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Dance Celebration: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Y5 & Y6 Dance Celebration: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Y3 Pedestrian Training: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March



Open Afternoon: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019