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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Half Term

School finishes on Friday 25th October 2019 for the Half Term Break. Pupils should return to school on Monday 4th November 2019.

Website

We have recently updated our website www.whinneybanks.org.uk. Our previous App has been discontinued. Please follow these instructions to add our website to the home screen of your device. Search for www.whinneybanks.org.uk, click  to add it to your home screen. We have a Twitter feed from our website, @BanksPrimary. All notices and alerts are sent via Twitter onto the front page of our website. Please visit our website to check these and to see the range of experiences and opportunities available to our children.

Leave of Absence Requests

Leave of Absence requests must be made at least 2 school weeks in advance of any absence. Any absence taken will affect attendance and our Educational Welfare Officer may be asked to call upon you. Parents are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure their child attends school regularly. There is no automatic right to take a child out of school during term time but the law allows Head Teachers to consider individual requests to authorise a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

Attendance

The Ofsted inspection in June reported that school must improve attendance. We would like to ask for your help in ensuring your child attends school punctually each day. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, you must contact school on each day of absence. Copies of appointment cards and hospital letters must be brought to the school office to be photocopied.

Staff Training Day

Please note that **MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2019** is a **Training Day**. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 15th October 2019.

May Bank Holiday

Please note that the Government have announced that the early May bank holiday next year will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020, to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Have a pleasant Half Term break.

Mrs S Thorpe
Head Teacher

Please see overleaf for a list of helpful dates.



AUTUMN TERM – HELPFUL DATES

Year 5 Visit to Jorvik Centre, York:	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Parents Evening:	Wednesday 16 th October 2019 5.00pm – 7.00pm Thursday 17 th October 2019 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Year 3 and Year 4 Dance Celebration:	Wednesday 23 rd October 2019 @ 10.00 am



Book Fair Week :	w/c 4 November 2019
Book Fair Celebration	
(Dress up as favourite character):	Friday 8 th November 2019
Parent Afternoon Event:	Friday 8 th November 2019

Flu vaccinations	Monday 11 th November 2019
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Christmas Performances

Nursery	Tuesday 17 th December & Wednesday 18 th December 2019
Reception	Friday 13 th December 2019 @ 1.30pm
Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December & Wednesday 11 th December 2019 @ 1.45pm Monday 16 th December 2019 Trinity Methodist Church @ 1.30pm
Year 3 & Year 4 Christingle	Friday 13 th December 2019 @ St. Martin's Church @ 10.00am
Year 5 & Year 6	Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th December 2019 @ 7.00pm

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Christmas Parties

Reception	Monday 16 th December 2019
Year 1	Wednesday 18 th December 2019
Year 2	Wednesday 18 th December 2019
Year 3	Thursday 19 th December 2019
Year 4	Thursday 19 th December 2019
Year 5	Tuesday 17 th December 2019
Year 6	Monday 16 th December 2019

Other Events

KS2 Pantomime at Darlington:	Wednesday 18 th December 2019
Attendance Celebration:	Friday 20 th December 2019