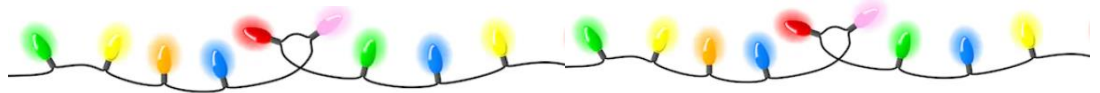




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## **Weekly Newsletter** W/e 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well now December is in full swing, Christmas has certainly arrived at Clarborough Primary School!!

There's lots of excitement as the children and teachers prepare to share the Christmas story with you and spread some festive cheer. I am so proud of how the classes have worked on the end of term performances – even though you're not able to come into school to see them this is DEFINITELY the next best thing!

We have lots of fun, festivities and sparkle planned for this last week of term. I am so grateful to each and every one of you for supporting our school by following guidance. We have been able to keep the school open all term for all of our classes, create great learning experiences and have lots of fun along the way!

I hope however you are celebrating Christmas this year that you have a peaceful, happy and safe time.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Mrs Cowell-Clark!

### **Contacting us**

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: [Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Finance queries should be directed to: [finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

And IT support queries should be sent to: [itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

### **Poppy Appeal**



A huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated to our Poppy Appeal. We are so proud to announce that we raised an amazing £255.58!

## Food Bank Donations

Another huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated towards our Food Bank Appeal. We have been overwhelmed with the support and donations received and we are very grateful for your generosity especially at this time of year!



## National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned PlayStation 5.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



## Road Safety and Supervision of children



There have been two incidents where children have been put in danger by drivers on Hillview Crescent. For this reason, we have decided to cone off part of the school drive to make drop-offs and pick-ups as safe as possible. Please be extra vigilant particularly as the mornings and afternoons are now darker. We are aware this moves parking further into the Crescent so you must ensure that where you park does not block the driveways of our residents also.

Please ensure parental supervision and control over children when attending and leaving school – holding hands and not allowing children to walk/run across the roads unsupervised. Thank you.

## Join the Winter Mini Challenge



The Winter Mini Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11 years and encourages children to keep reading over the winter period.

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through the Winter Mini Challenge website. To take part, children simply read three books of their choice over the winter holidays, then add each book to their Winter Reading Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. Books added to the website during the six week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge.

How to take part:

- Sign up at [www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk) to create an online profile (if you took part in Silly Squad: The Summer Reading Challenge you might have a profile already)
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays.
- Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print.

The Winter Mini Challenge finishes on Friday 15 January.



### Guidance regarding COVID and positive testing over the Christmas Holidays

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please contact the office at [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation in line with guidance from Public Health England and the DfE, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school

So, if you or child develops symptoms **on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and you receive a positive result for COVID-19**, please contact the office and we will identify close contacts and then advise self-isolation. This is because you would be within the 48hours infectious period.

- **Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after 6 days from the last day of term, schools do not need to be contacted about their absence until the first day of the new term.**

So, if you have been in contact with a positive case after 24<sup>th</sup> December and are self-isolating, you do not need to contact school until we return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

- **If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48hours since being in school, the school does not need to be contacted.**

So, if you or your child develops symptoms **after** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and you have a test carried out and it is confirmed positive, you do not need to inform school. This is because this is beyond the 48hours infectious period. Parents and carers would need to follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and isolating guidance.

- **Opening in January**: if you or your child has symptoms of COVID and receives a positive test please contact the office at [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. This way we can ensure the class bubbles can re-open safely for children and staff the new term after consulting Public Health England.

## Christmas@Clarborough

This week was our first ever Clarborough Christmas Tree Decorating week. Each class have been decorating a Christmas tree in their classroom. You can take a virtual tour on SeeSaw of all of the class Christmas trees today!

This year's Nativities and Christmas extravaganzas will be recorded and uploaded onto Seesaw on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Rehearsals are well underway – get ready for some great performances!



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch with Christmas hats and crackers.

The children can get their party outfits ready for their Christmas Bubble Parties on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December!! Each class will have their own little bubble party with guaranteed music, games, dancing and laughter – so start planning their outfits!

Finally, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper for the day. If you have any spare or outgrown Christmas jumpers at home, we would really appreciate any that can be donated to school so we can have a 'Christmas Jumper Swap Shop!'



## Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

What a wonderful Christmassy time we are having in Nursery. The children are getting very good at dressing up and we have Christmas elves and Santas all over the place!



We have been busy with crafts and games and are loving the Christmas shop, using real pennies to buy decorations to add to our class tree. Fab fun, we are very excited!



**Nursery Star of the week: Logan for settling into afternoon childcare so well!**

## Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week we have been completely Christmassy and have had a fantastic time making lots of Christmas decorations, dressing up in Christmas outfits, making Christmas cards and listening to lots of Christmas stories!





**Reception Star of the week: Tobias for his fantastic writing and for always being so kind and helpful!**

### **Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)**

This week in Year 1 we have completed some fantastic learning in Maths. The children have been practising their teen numbers and trying really hard to spell and recognise them all correctly. They have been counting backwards, matching numbers and pictures and writing out the words independently.

In English, the children have been recapping on how to use capital letters and full stops correctly, including using a capital 'I' in a sentence as it is a proper noun. The vocabulary they have used is amazing and they are learning so much! The children on a whole have made huge improvements in their reading and writing and they continue to impress the teachers. Their phonics knowledge is impressive as they are applying the sounds they have learnt and starting to blend them into their reading - keep it up Year 1!

The children have worked extra hard on their class performance this week and have listened carefully to all the instructions in order to create a masterpiece. Keep an eye out for it on Seesaw next week. The children were brilliant, and there are definitely some budding actors in the class!

Here is a sneak peek of some of them in their costumes.....







Year 1 Star of the week: Reiss for trying really hard in his learning!

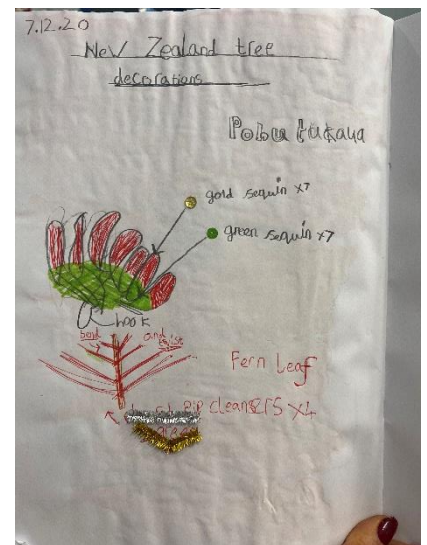
## Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)



This week the children have been fantastic at showing their acting skills as we have begun filming the Christmas Story. They have really enjoyed playing different parts and we are so excited for the premiere on Tuesday afternoon where they will see all their hard work come together on the big screen!



They have decorated the class tree by making their own mini versions of the New Zealand Christmas tree, the Pohutukawa and silver fern decorations. We made the words 'Kia Kaha' from pipe cleaners, which means 'stand strong' in Maori.



Next week, the festivities continue as we look forward to party day, the film premiere and a yummy Christmas dinner!

It has been a pleasure to have so much Christmassy fun with the children this week and to see them let their hair down!



**Year 2 Star of the week: Paige for having the confidence to speak out loud in the Christmas play!**

### **Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)**

This week Zagreb class have thoroughly enjoyed preparing and rehearsing for their Christmas extravaganza! They have all worked incredibly hard and can't wait to share it with everyone.







They have stretched their brains this week in English, by writing rhyming poems based on 'The Iron Man'. They have tried hard to include a range of determiners and pronouns and they incorporated some great expanded noun phrases!

Everyone is determined to smash their reading target on accelerated readers by next week. The temptation of marshmallows and hot chocolate has transformed them into bookworms! It really has been great to see so many of them developing a love of reading.

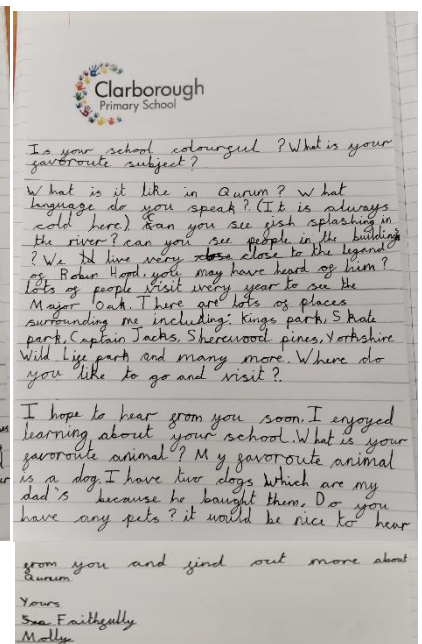
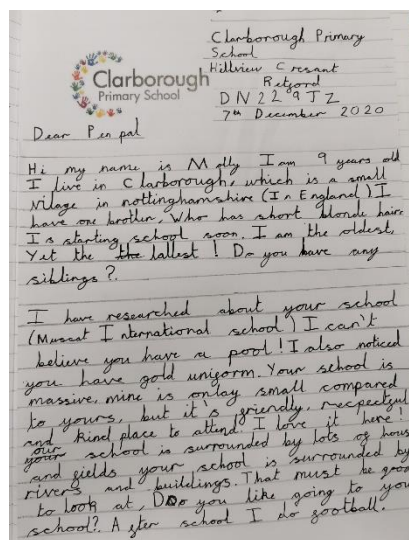
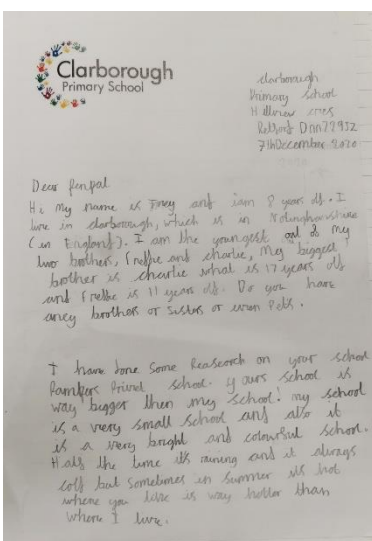



**Year 3 Star of the week: Charlotte for her amazing extravaganza performance and ensuring no one forgot the words - Well done Charlotte!**

### Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

Year 4 had an amazing week last week in smashing their Assessments! They should all be very proud of how hard they have worked this term, as this has definitely paid off!

This week in English, the class finished off their letters to four different schools around the world. The children researched each school and asked questions based on what they found out, and shared information about our schools and themselves. Hopefully we will get some responses after Christmas. Great writing Year 4!





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 3rd November  
 2020

Dear Whomever receives this letter,

Hello, My name is Ruby, I'm 8 years old and I live in a Beautiful Village called South Lepton in Nottinghamshire, I have a 9 year old sister and a 3 year old brother, I have a step dad and a lovely mum I have 3 cats a dog and 3 gerbils (do you have pets?)

I have done some research on your school (I compare private school) I have I was intrigued by your fascinating school, I've never been to Nigeria. So Reading a pupil to join. At my school I learn loads my teachers are awesome Mr Miss Marshall and Mrs Gwin, Miss Marshall teaches me the teacher who does the writing letters subject and Mrs Gwin Does it on turned on a book called Owen Perister, They are wonderful teachers. My school is way smaller than your school, if I compare it's dumb but I have never been to another school, but Clarborough primary school (which is my school) is a very competing place to be.


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Since we're pupils I thought you might like to know more about me. So here are my top 6 places I like; Yorkshire Wildlife park, Cinema, Theater and my fun, happy school. What's your favorite place to visit? I would find it interesting to know more about you. What's your age? Do you have siblings? and if your school does different things to mine?

It's extremely weird to receive your letter since it is coming all the way in Nigeria, which is in Africa!

Many Thanks  
 Ruby

In Art this week, they have planned and created their amazing dragon's eye out of clay, taking care with different techniques and the detail added.

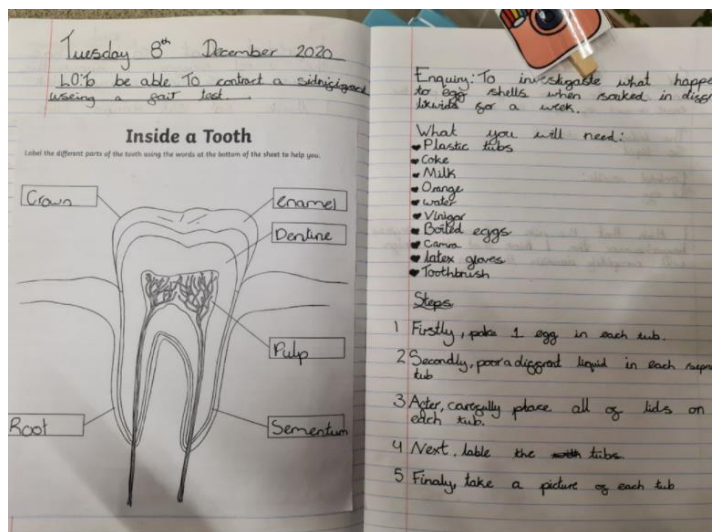






In Science, they have set up an experiment, placing 5 eggs (acting as the tooth and the layer of enamel) in 5 tubs containing different liquids. They will observe the changes that occur over the following week, where they will then complete the gruesome task of investigating each egg and the damage caused!

	Day 1
Water	
Coke	
Milk	
Orange juice	
Vinegar	



Year 4 have also had great fun practising for their Christmas Extravaganza this week and can't wait to show you this via Seesaw next week! Make sure you check it out on Seesaw Families!

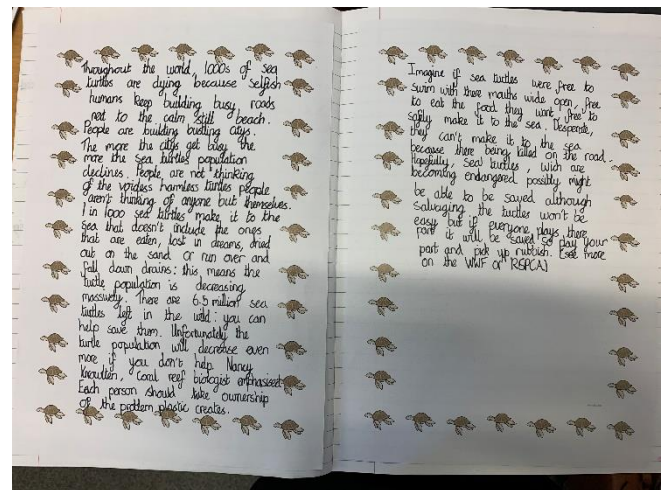
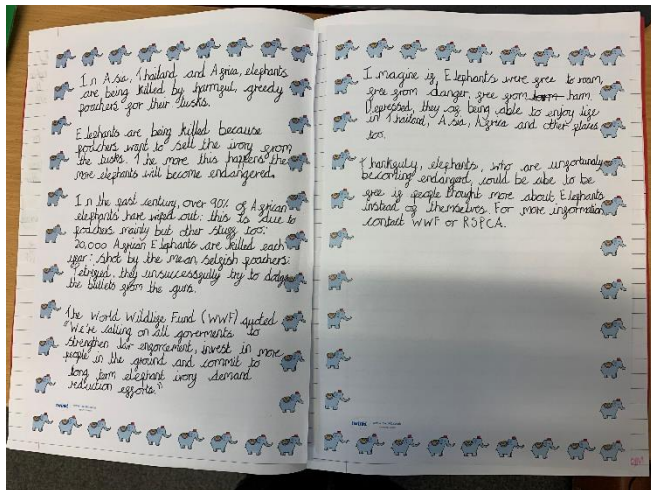


**Year 4 Star of the week: Gracie-May for always being a fantastic listener and completing all tasks so fabulously! She created an amazing dragon's eye out of clay – she should be extremely proud of herself.**



## Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

Christmas has begun in Caracas this week: the children have been busy with a range of Christmas and non-Christmas activities. In English, they have finished their reports about animals in danger, showcasing some of the skills they have learned this half term. Many have also been using the opportunity to read and quiz more than usual, hoping to be added to the Smashers list next week!



Our Computing Unit this half-term has involved designing their own Apps and, as a class, they have all learned lots of new skills such as resizing pages, adding text and images, adding icons and linking pages together. Miss Mayhew is very impressed with how hard they have worked over the last few weeks.

Our class tree is looking very festive and Caracas-themed as the children have made both paper and salt-dough decorations. When you see the tree, ask your child why they have made roller-skates!





They have also been using watercolours to create their Christmas cards, which you will receive next week. In addition, they have been busy preparing their Christmas Extravaganza! Watch this space!

Since last week, the Christmas Hair designs have been surprising us every day. Here are some of this week's creations!





Next week is another fun-filled Christmas-themed week with Christmas Dinner, Christmas Party, Christmas Jumper Day and lots of other activities!



**Year 5 Star of the week: Harriet for using new skills when working on her App Design in Computing!**

### **Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)**

YEAR 6 CAKE BAKE 2020:

For the last 2 weeks of term, Year 6 decided they wanted to have a Great Clarbrough Bake Off. This week we have entries from: Lucy, Zak, Tehya, Charlie, Laurie and Olivia.





They were all stunning! But our very own Chief Taster - Craig - will be the overall judge and the winner will be announced next week. Little does he know, we are actually fattening him up for Christmas!

### Christmas Decorations:

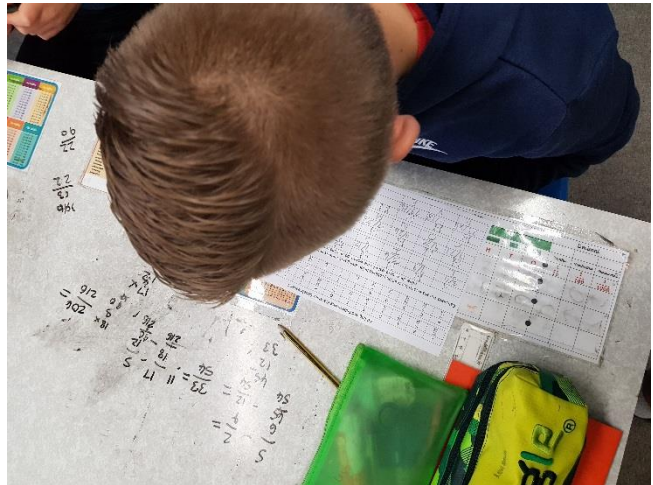
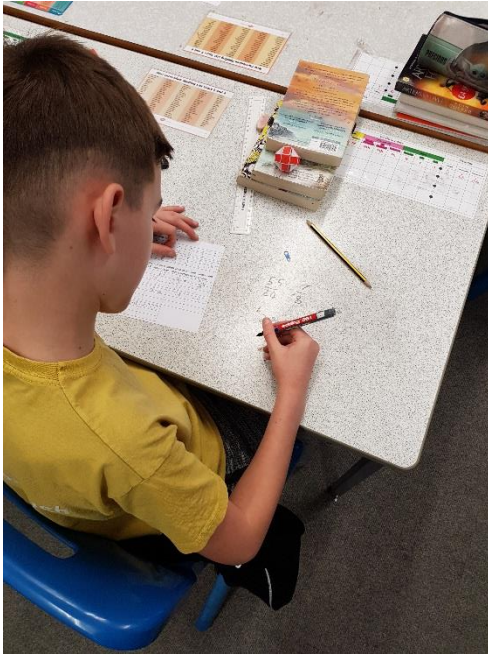
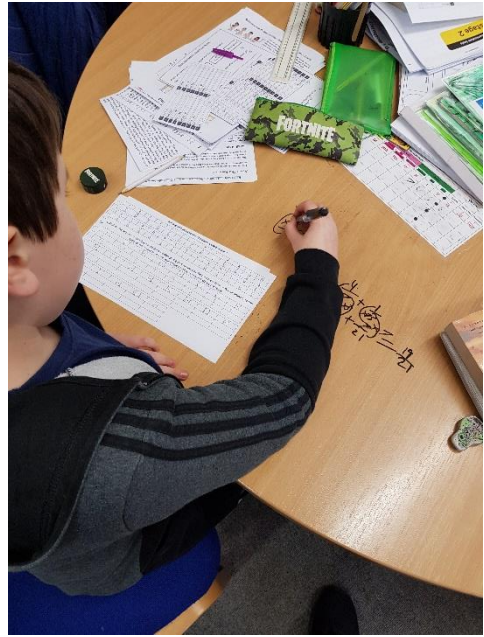
The children have been busy decorating our class Christmas tree. We made biscuits, baubles, Christmas trees and snowmen. We tried to use the colours of our class country - Cuba - to ensure our tree looked the best!





### Maths:

The children applied their knowledge of fractions to try and crack a code this week. They worked tirelessly and all managed to crack the code.



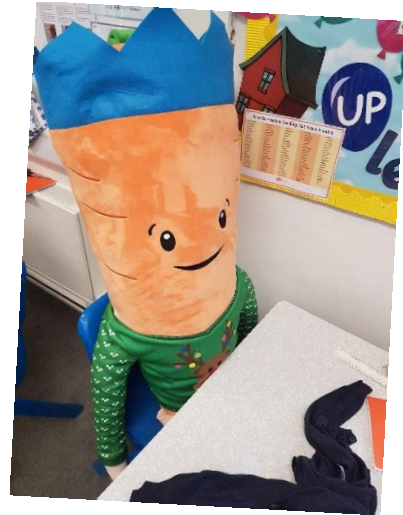
### Christmas Coiffure:

What an unbelievable master piece Rosie's mum created!!!



KEVIN:

Year 6 had a little visitor this week from Kevin the Carrot. He was an excellent student!



Year 6 Star of the week: Freddie A for consistently having a positive approach to learning and for epitomising our school ethos - Be the best you can be!

## Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to Lorelai in achieving her Proficiency Award 8 in gymnastics – Great work Lorelai!

If you have any out of school achievements you would like to share with us to put in the newsletter, please forward your photos to [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) with a brief description of the award/achievement.

## School Dates for your Diaries.....

### December:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – All Class Christmas Nativities and Extravaganzas

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Bubble Parties

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & Last day of Term!!



**January:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Children return back to school**



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club and Wraparound please email [sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or queries regarding 30hours and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) Lunches must be booked in via Parentmail

Please note for all of those attending school, if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home. Please follow the link below to find more information about this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>