



ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Always a chance for everyone!"

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you will be aware preparations for our festive period are well underway. We would like to continue the tradition with our school Christmas tree and **invite every child to bring in a bauble from home to decorate our tree in the school hall.**

Any type of bauble will be great as long as it has something to hang onto the tree and we would advise against precious/sentimental, expensive ones. We still have the ones sent in last year but if you are new to school or didn't send one in, then you are very welcome to add to our collection.

Children can bring in their bauble (carefully) over the next few days. We will be decorating the tree on Wednesday/Thursday.

We think this will be a lovely element to the children's Christmas at school and a nice way for them to contribute to our celebrations.

We look forward to seeing you next week to share the delights of our children's performances. Due to a number of concerns and safeguarding issues we experienced last year, we are asking you to collect your children as the end of the normal school day, rather than taking them early after the performances. We thank you for your cooperation with this. The safeguarding of our children is always our highest priority.

We know how many of you are keen to get here early for the performances and I had lots of discussions with you last year regarding the fairest way of doing this. This year, priority will be given to ticket holders. Anyone without a ticket will be asked to wait until all ticket holders have entered the hall. I am aware that this will not please everyone, but I am trying to make it as fair as possible and again I thank you for your cooperation with this.

School will finish on **Friday 16th December** for Christmas and we will be having two PD days at the start of January which will mean the children will return to school in **2017 on Thursday 5th January**. The remaining PD days will be announced as soon as we can.

If you have any questions or concerns as ever, don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing you around school in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Head Teacher