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Christmas at Heaton Park

28th November 2025,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of a busy and productive term.

I am writing in response to some queries from parents as to why we will not be holding a Christmas sing-along event for Key Stage 2. I would like to outline the reasons for this.

Firstly, the number of pupils, staff and parents who would normally attend such an event makes it difficult to manage safely within the school hall. Irrespective of whether this has happened in the past, the space cannot accommodate everyone comfortably while meeting the safety standards we are committed to maintaining. After careful consideration, we feel that holding a large indoor gathering of this size would not be appropriate or safe.

Additionally, the final weeks of term are a crucial time for pupils, particularly in Key Stage 2, and a large part of our focus is on maintaining continuity and quality first teaching. Organising and rehearsing for a large-scale sing-along, even if it is split into Lower and Upper Key Stage 2, results in a significant amount of lost learning time, which we are keen to avoid. Ensuring that pupils remain on track with their learning is a priority, and we want to make the most of every school day.

We are committed to making this time of year special, while keeping safety and learning at the centre of our planning.

Moving forward, our Christmas events schedule will be as follows:

- EYFS Christmas sing-along- Friday 12th December- 2.30pm
- KS1 Nativity:
 - Tuesday 9th December- 6pm
 - Wednesday 10th December- 9.30am
- KS2 Christmas movie nights from 4.00-6.00pm:
 - Monday 15th December- Years 3&4
 - Tuesday 16th December- Years 5&6.
- Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 11th December
 - End of term celebration assemblies for Reception & KS1, LKS2, UKS2 (by invitation) (Nursery will receive certificates in class.)
 - Reception, Year 1 and 2 -Monday 15th December 9.30am
 - Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday 16th December 9.30am
 - Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 17th December 9.30am

All year groups will also have Christmas Parties:

- Monday 15th December – Years 3 and 4
- Tuesday 16th December – Year 1
- Wednesday 17th December – Year 6
- Thursday 18th December – Years 2 and 5
- Friday 19th December – Early Years (Reception and Nursery)

From next term, each class from Reception to Year 6 will hold class assemblies for parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Miss R. Senior
Headteacher