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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move seamlessly into December, the school is all of a sudden starting to look a little bit festive with the trees going up in the two halls yesterday and a few lights starting to appear.....!

Also, as I write, we have Santa on the school site visiting the children! Many thanks to him to find time during his enormously busy schedule to come and say hello and deliver gifts to everybody. I know he has been working with Guisborough Town Council to help him get around all the schools so we are really grateful to them all for spreading a bit of festive cheer.

#### Transition Dates 2023

It has been confirmed that the transition arrangements for this academic year will take place on the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July. For those of you unfamiliar with this, our Year Six children will spend the week in their new school and here, we move children into their 'new' classes for the week also. This allows them to become familiar with their teacher for the following September and changes in routines that this will inevitably bring. We have found this to be a really positive experience for the children and helps alleviate some anxieties children may have.

#### Reindeer Run

You might recall that last year we held the sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Teesside Hospice. We will be doing this again on the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Other than non-uniform days, we will not be holding any further sponsored events as I am aware that this will be the second one in the space of half a term. However, we do feel this to be a very worthy charitable cause and one which many of us have some kind of association with.

#### Guisborough School's Carol 'Festival'

Next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, each of the Guisborough primary schools have a time allocated 'slot' at St Nicholas' Church to perform Christmas songs. It will be our Key Stage Two children who have been asked to sing but everybody is welcome to attend! Belmont's time is from 5.30 until 6.00.

#### School Closures

Remember that school will be closed tomorrow and Monday!

#### Finally....

The calendar has once again been updated and, as such, a copy has been sent for your information. On Monday we will be looking at our PD Days for the year 2023 2024 and get these shared with you to allow for you to plan ahead.

I hope you all are able to enjoy the 'long weekend' and I am aware many of you have some quite exciting plans!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson