Cloudside Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term. The children have settled beautifully and there has been lots of wonderful learning taking place across the school. Now that the dark nights have drawn in, we fast approach winter and the Christmas break. Before this, we have a number of events taking place. Dates will regularly be added to our weekly newsletter, which is written by the Year 6 team but they will also be added to our website. We are just in the process of working with our IT team to get this added. Once this is complete, we will share this with you.

Some key, whole school events:

Friday 13th November - Children in Need. The theme this year is 'challenge yourself'. If any of our children are engaging in a challenge, we would love to know and celebrate this with the whole school community. On Friday, we will be hosting a non-uniform day and collecting donations for Children in Need.

Thursday 19th November - Cloudside Christmas Market. The market will be 3:30pm until 5pm. There will be a range of stalls and games, including name the duck, rainbow tombola and cakes and hot drinks.

Friday 27th November - Flu immunisations. Further information will be sent by the immunisation team, directly to you as parents.

Tuesday 8th December - Movie night. Children will be able to stay after school to watch a movie in the hall with their friends. If your child would like to participate there is a cost of £2 and you can sign your child up and pay on the school gateway app. The movie night will end at 5pm and all children must be collected by an adult. During the movie, the children will be given juice and a snack. The movie is yet to be decided and this will be shared with you in next weeks newsletter.

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day. A letter has been sent to explain that LEAD are funding every child in the Trust to have a Christmas Dinner. This is a great day where children and staff enjoy a lunch with Christmas music and a fun range of Christmas jumpers. On this day, we will be taking donations for Save the Children.

Thursday 17th December- Carols in the courtyard. We would love to invite you to our annual Christmas carols event. At 2pm, we will be out on the playground, ready to showcase our wonderful singing to all families that are able to join us. There will also be hot chocolate and tea and coffee on sale for families, which can be pre-paid for on the gateway app.

We then close for Christmas on Friday 18th December after watching the amazing panto and enjoying treat afternoon. School will then re-open on Monday 4th January.

I would like to thank those families who have been in contact to share that they have not received some communications. We have been working closely with School Comms to correct the issue. They have checked their

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services and been in contact with phone companies, who all confirm that text messages have been sent. In attempts to mitigate against this, we will be sending all communication via the gateway app. Please can you ensure that you have this downloaded and that notifications are enabled. This is where all trip permissions, dinner money and payments are made. Guidance is on our website, under the parent's tab and there is a page called School Gateway Portal.

I just wanted to share a few reminders for all families. We do have our free breakfast club, that any child can attend between 8am and 8:30am. The children will get a range of cereals or toast and get to socialise and play games with others across the school. We are a nut aware school and do ask that children do not bring any food items that contain nuts. We have children who do have allergies and we want to safeguard them. Similarly, I must stress that pets are not allowed on school site. This decision has been made as children may have allergies or may be scared of animals, especially dogs. We really appreciate your support with this.

Where possible, your child will have PE on the same day each week although there are occasions when we need to make adaptations to the timetable. We encourage you to send your child to school with their PE kit on a Monday and leave it in their locker until they have had their PE lesson. PE kit can then be taken home on a Friday to be washed. If your child forgets their PE kit, we have a wide range of spare kit that children can borrow so that they do not miss out on their PE session.

Finally, we would like to host more parent and carer engagement sessions, where we show you what we are doing in school and showcase work completed by the children. A Google form has been sent out today to gather feedback on interest and when would be the best time and day to host these events. We know that it will not be possible to find a time that works for everyone, but it would be helpful to identify the most popular times and days.

We pride ourselves on our open communication. If you do have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member or staff and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support. It is going to be another great year, where we will see every child thrive.

Kind regards



Miss J Milson
Head of School