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Dear parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope that you and your families have enjoyed the festive period.

January 16th, 2022, marks the 160th anniversary of the New Hartley Pit disaster in which 204 miners lost their lives in a terrible accident at Hester pit. In commemoration of this event, a memorial service is being held on that day.

To mark this occasion our Year 5 pupils have been very busy creating charcoal pictures and writing poems, which will be displayed in the Memorial Hall. In addition to this, they have been asked to sing at the memorial service. The service will be held on Sunday, 16th January from 1pm to 3pm. It would be fantastic if as many of our Y5s as possible were able to come along and sing on the day.

We intend to meet at the Memorial Hall at 12.45pm to then walk down to the Memorial Garden with the banner, for the service starting at 1.00pm. The service will last about 45 minutes and then we will walk back to the Hall. The children will be singing at the memorial service and later in the Memorial Hall. There will be juice and biscuits for them afterwards.

If your child is able to come along, please complete the Google Form being sent separately.

Please note that children must be accompanied by adults.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact school and we look forward to hopefully seeing many of you on the 16th.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K McSparron
Head of School

