



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our busy Autumn term has come to an end, the children have worked incredibly hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest!

Thank you so much for all of the kind gifts and cards we have received.

Some highlights from the term have been our dressing up day for Children in Need and we raised £69.70, which was fantastic. We donned our Christmas jumpers today and raised £35 for Save the Children. We raised £364.00 at our coffee morning, the proceeds of which will go towards our yurt fund. We had a successful book fair selling £330 worth of books, so we are able to spend 25% commission on more books for classrooms. Finally, at our Christmas performance we raised £233.50. Thank you all for your kind donations.

All of the children have been involved in our annual Anti-bullying project this term and we have been talking PANTS (the underwear rule), using the NSPCC programme to support these important messages.

We have had visits from the Police and Fire Service and all the children have been to visit Rothbury library.

YR to Y4 enjoyed a visit to the theatre to see 'The Remarkable Robin'. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas play 'The Bethlehem Bake-off'. The children worked so hard and I'm sure you will agree they were all shining stars on the stage.

The highlights this week for all our children have been our delicious Christmas lunch, party day and a surprise visit from Santa.

Mrs Robinson announced the exciting news of her pregnancy. Mrs Maylia will be covering her maternity leave next year.

GOODBYES

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Arlo and Thali. We wish them well in the future.

NEW ARRIVALS

We are pleased to announce that we have recently appointed Miss Danielle Holding as our General Kitchen Assistant who will be taking over from Mrs Lesley Newman next

term. Mrs Newman will continue her role in school as TA. We are also very pleased to welcome Bodhi into Year 1, Layla into Reception and Jack into Nursery.

COVID CONTINGENCY PLANS

We will continue to follow government guidance and amend our risk assessments accordingly to keep your child as safe as we possibly can in school. This means that we may need to revert back to previous systems at short notice.

As infections in Northumberland are on the increase we will be stepping up our hygiene routines.

WINTER ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by winter illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting, influenza and scarlet fever. We are also seeing rising cases of hand, foot and mouth in school and in order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

FOREST SCHOOL/PE

Y3 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the Christmas holiday. Please can the children have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days. Year 4 will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

Y3 and 4 will be doing PE on a Friday afternoon.

Y1/2 will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

N/R will continue to have PE on a Tuesday and forest school on a Friday.

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin again in the summer term.

TRIDENT

Trident will start again on Thursday 12th January.

WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Monday 9th January during working hours.**

BABY & TODDLER GROUP/TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL

Baby and toddler group will begin again on Thursday 12th January, 10-11.15am and will be held in the Early Years Unit.

Toddler forest school will begin again on Monday 16th January 10-11.30am.

WINTER WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play

times in the rain.

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES: If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support. We would both like to wish you a very happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 10th January at 8.45am.**

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