



# 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 £185.64 which was fantastic. We donned our Christmas jumpers today and we've collected some much needed items for the local food bank. We raised £343.00 at our coffee morning in the Jubilee hall, the proceeds of which will go towards learning resources. We had a successful book fair selling £318 worth of books, so we are able to spend 25% commission on more books for classrooms. Finally, at our Christmas performance we raised £272.65 for the air ambulance. Thank you all for your kind donations.

All of the children have been involved in our annual Anti-bullying project this term.

We have had a visit from the Fire Service where children learned about firework safety and all the children have been to visit Rothbury library where they listened to a story and were encouraged to become library members.

We Welcomed parents into school for a coffee and questions session where they could learn a little bit more about the teaching of English and Maths and how parents could help with these areas of learning at home. At the same time parents and other family members were able to join in our jigsaw diversity project entitled Individually unique, together complete.

## **AUTHOR VISIT**

Sarah Fae, an author from Hexham visited our school to share extracts of her stories including the Christmas Stag with the children. They were all involved with her outdoor writing workshops and enjoyed their time in the yurt warmed nicely by the new stove.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas play 'A Starry Night'. 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.

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

We are very pleased to be welcoming Rory into Nursery after Christmas.

## **WINTER ILLNESS**

We have seen increasing numbers of children affected by diarrhoea and vomiting in school children. Please ensure that you keep your children off school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness and encourage frequent handwashing.

## **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. All children in school will have a yoga session with Debbie MacAllister each Friday during the first half of the spring term.

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

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

N/R will have PE on Thursday and forest school on Tuesday.

## **SWIMMING**

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

## **TRIDENT**

Trident will start again on Wednesday 10th January. Please note the change of day.

## **CHOIR**

Monday choir club will begin again on 15th January 3.15 - 4.15

## **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. Bookings will be taken on Friday 5th January for the first week back.

## **BABY & TODDLER GROUP/TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL.**

Toddler forest school with Toni Dick will begin again on Thursday 11th January 10-11.30am.

Baby and toddler group with Jodie Morris will begin again on Thursday 18th January, 10-11.15am and will be held in the school hall as usual

## **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 and hope you have a relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 8th January at 8.45am.**

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