



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Years 1, 3 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week. They will look after the Attendance Cup in the first week of the new term.

There are a large number of children who are well below the expected attendance target for this term. We understand that absence is generally because of illness, but there are increasing unauthorised absences occurring as well. If a pupil has persistent absence, it will trigger the involvement of the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they have a contagious illness.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	96%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	100%

### **EYFS TRIP TO THEATRE**

The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed their trip to see 'The Three Bears at Christmas' at the Queens Hall on Monday. Mrs Wilkinson reported that the children had great fun and their behaviour was excellent! It was done 'in the round' with children sitting around the edges of the circular stage area and was very interactive with lots of music and actions. Thank you to Leah Vigars and the Humshaugh and District Pre-School Committee who funded the trip.

### **Y1-4 THEATRE TRIP**

The children in Years 1 to 4 had a marvellous time watching 'A Viking Christmas' on Tuesday at the Queens Hall. The show was followed by a shield design workshop. (Photos on the website)  
Thank you to Vicki Cargill and the Friends for funding the trip.

### **CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Service. We really appreciate it. The children read and sang beautifully – they are a credit to you.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Thank you for your donations, we raised a fantastic **£50.00** which has been sent directly to the Save the Children fund.  
A couple of parents suggested that school could run a Christmas jumper recycling bank, similar to the one we already do for school uniform. If you have any Christmas jumpers in good condition (and preferably washed) that your child has outgrown, school are happy to take them. As Christmas approaches next year, the jumpers will be made available to parents.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The children in Class 1, 2 and 3 had a very enjoyable afternoon yesterday. They took part in various games including Christmas Corners, Pass the Parcel, Heads or Tail and a very competitive dance competition. Thank you to Vicki and Friends for organising the parcels and for providing a bag of treats for every child. (Photos on the website)

### **MRS ROWCROFT'S RETIREMENT GIFT**

Thank you to everyone who kindly contributed at school and in the community shop. Leah Vigars (Governor) has organised some vouchers and flowers which will be delivered to Mrs Rowcroft before Christmas.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UPDATE**

**NO MESSY CHURCH DURING THE SPRING TERM**

**SPORTS CLUB AND ZUMBA WILL RESUME ON WEEK 2 OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR-WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

## **TEAM POINTS**

Congratulations to [Slytherin](#) who had the most team points this term. They each received a pencil and a lolly.

## **CHRISTMAS TEA TOWELS**

There are still a few tea towels available. If you have already placed an order, you are more than welcome to order more. Please send money (cash or cheque made payable to Humshaugh First School) in a clearly labelled envelope to the school office.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS**

No tuck shop today.

### **Christmas raffle**

There is still one outstanding prize to be picked up on ticket [Pink 54 \(Barrasford Arms voucher\)](#)

## **Dates for your diary**

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Break for Christmas
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Teacher Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> term starts
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Author visit (more information to follow)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:</b>	Friends from the Village
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Into the Woods Storytelling Project
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Last day of term
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Teacher Day

**Thank you to everyone for sending in Christmas cards and gifts for the staff, we really appreciate it.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

