



6th November 2015 Newsletter

Staffing news

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Carney to the team of teaching staff from 1 November. Mrs Carney will be teaching Science and Maths in Class 1 on Friday mornings. She will continue in her role as teaching assistant four afternoons a week. Friday afternoons will continue to be taught by Mrs Jones and Miss Osborne. Miss Osborne will be with us until Easter 2016 as she is expecting her second child. She has requested to take a year's maternity leave. The governors are currently looking to recruit a part-time teacher to cover this Miss Osborne's maternity leave.

Bonfire and Fireworks display

Huge thanks to the Playing Fields committee for their excellent bonfire and fireworks display last night. The event was exceptionally well organised and was very well attended despite the rather drizzly weather. Thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to plan and organise this event and to all volunteers who helped to make this event such a success.



Christmas Market

This will take place on **Saturday 7th November 11am-1.30 pm** in Humshaugh Village Hall. Traders include Mr Wolf, The Northumbrian Sausage Company, Arkles Bakery, Noisette Catering, Usborne books, Phoenix cards, Forever Living and many more. **We still need donations of cakes and raffles prizes, please. These should be brought into school today.** Many thanks.

Supporting your child's reading

Thank you to Mrs Blythe and all parents who attended the reading meeting on Thursday 8th October at 9am. An additional meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at 3.05pm for those parents who were unable to attend the previous meeting. It is open to parents of children in Reception and Year 1.

Breakfast Club

Mrs Phillips continues to run Breakfast Club at a cost of £4 per child per session, which includes one hour supervision and a healthy breakfast. Siblings will receive a 50% discount. At this stage, we are only able to offer places to children in school.

Swimming

Pupils will start swimming again on a Thursday morning after half term. Due to rising costs of lessons and transport, the price per lesson will increase to £3. They will swim for 7 weeks in total. Please make cheques for £21 payable to Northumberland County Council. Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and tie back long hair in a bobble or cap. It would be really helpful if girls could not wear tights on swimming days, especially children in Class 1 who may still need some help to dress after the lesson. Boys should wear tight swimming style trunks please. Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any further questions, please ask Mrs Blythe or Mrs Long.

Other dates for your diary.

Thursday 12th November: Pantomime in school by Northumbrian Water.

Tuesday 1st December: Advent soup and sing-a-long, 1.30-2.30pm.

Wednesday 9th December: Christmas lunch at Newbrough for all children. Details to follow.

Thursday 10th December: Christingle Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, 2-3pm. Pre-school and school children will be taking part.

Tuesday 15th December: Legend of King Arthur at the Queen's Hall, Hexham.

Thursday 17th December: Christmas party for school children. Mrs Kennedy to provide lunch.

Friday 18th December: Christmas jumper day with Pre-School. Children to wear a Christmas jumper/outfit and donate £1. Money raised will be shared equally between MacMillan Cancer Support, Make a Wish UK and Save the Children.

Friday 18th December: School closes for Christmas holidays. Children may be collected from 1.30pm but there will be staff in school until 3.05pm for working parents.

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)



