



Friday 11th December 2020 (4 PAGES)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who ALL achieved 100% attendance this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	96%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	93%

STAR OF WEEK

Well done to our **Super stars: Jacob and William R** and our **Handwriting Heroes: Felix, Katlyn, Freddie and Evie.**

The **Kindness award** was presented to **Josie** and the **Perseverance award** was presented to **Cayden**. Well done to both of them. They will have the brave knight duck and a light up heart on their desk next week.

The **HELPING HAND award** was presented to **Darcey**, the pupil who has been most polite and helpful all week.



The children in EYFS have been receiving a 'Star of the day' award and a photo is sent to parents on a daily basis.

Well done to this week's EYFS '**Star of the Week**', **Jessie**, for 'looking after things' and the **Handwriting Hero-Effie** for great independent writing!

LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION 2-THE SEQUIN

Congratulations to the children in Years 1 to 4 who put on an amazing show for the Nursery and Reception pupils and staff. Highlights were the naughty sheep in Shepherd's Conga and some very 'Funky' camels!! Thank you to Chris Harding who recorded the performance and is busy editing the DVD ready for copying. We will get your copy to you as soon as possible. We are also gifting a copy to our Friends from the village who are also disappointed that they couldn't come and watch the show. Photographs are now on the website. I will do my best to email parents the group photographs by the end of term.

WRIGGLY NATIVITY

Well done to the children in Nursery and Reception who performed Wiggly Nativity with confidence and a massive dose of cuteness!! Thank you to all the staff for the time and effort they put into rehearsals to ensure the children were comfortable on stage. Thank you also to Cayden Freddie, Evie, Mia and Emily for being fantastic narrators. We will do our best to get your DVD to you as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We had a fun and very tasty Christmas lunch yesterday with turkey and all the trimmings, crackers and chocolates. The lunch was followed by an impromptu boogie involving congas and shimmies! Thank you to Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Dodd for the best organisation ever and to all the staff who served the lunches. More photographs are on the website.



MESSY CHURCH IN A BAG

Every child will be given a Messy Church in a bag on Monday. Thank you to all the local church volunteers who have created these super craft bags. There is a leaflet in each bag with instructions and children are very welcome to go and hang their homemade decorations on the Christmas tree in the church.

FESTIVE FOREST SCHOOL

The children Year 1 to 4 had a festive forest school special this afternoon. Author Sarah Fae read her story Ghost the Christmas Stag and the children went on a treasure hunt to find the Christmas stag's secret Christmas message. This was finished off with hot chocolate, festive treats and carols around the camp fire.



'Ghost the Christmas Stag' by Sarah Fae and illustrated by Kathryn Holeman

Like many children, Hector's greatest fear is ending up on Santa's naughty list. But that all changes after a surprise encounter with an unfamiliar creature in the woods.

As news of a shock retirement reaches Lapland, can a Christmas crisis be averted by a little boy with big concern for the natural world?

Ghost the Christmas Stag is based on true events, beginning with a magic that many understand, but quickly reaching deeper into the power of nature and our duty to protect the beautiful wildlife that shares this earth with us.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The school was full of sparkle and glitter today with everyone wearing their Christmas tops and jumpers. Thank you to those people who kindly sent in a donation from Save the Children.



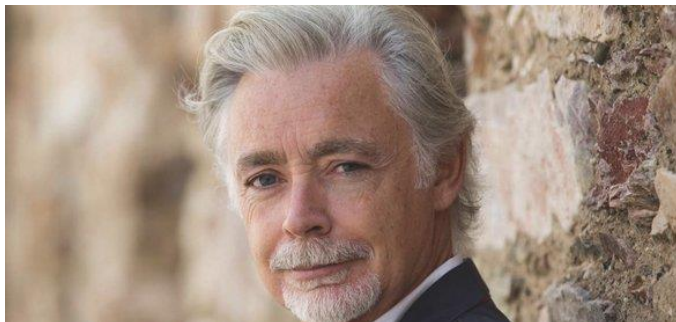
PARENTZONE-INTERNET SAFETY

Please take a look at the free family resources from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure

NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc_eid=7bddae09e9

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



AUTHOR OF THE WEEK: Eoin Colfer

Watch an exclusive video from Eoin Colfer and discover his top three favourite children's books.

EXTRA JUMPER

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas post box is now in position. To ensure that we are Covid safe, all cards will be quarantined for 3 days before being handed out to pupils so please ensure that if your child is keen to write cards then please send them in as soon as possible. **THE FINAL DAY TO SEND IN CHRISTMAS CARDS IS WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER.**

Please do not feel obliged to provide shop bought cards; homemade ones are just as special. The children in Class 3 will ensure that cards reach the recipient. **Please help them by writing the child's name and year group clearly on the envelope.**

FESTIVE DIGITAL RARING TO GO

A special "Christmas At Home" digital edition is now available. It is jam packed with lots of fun festive ideas families can do in and around their home.

This is the link: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/northumberland/winter/>

NORTHUMBERLAND WOMEN'S REFUGE

As you know, this year we are collecting Christmas present donations for the Northumberland Women's Refuge. The refuge is based in East Northumberland and provides a safe place for women and their children to stay. If you would like to purchase a present for either a child or a mother please send gifts in to the school office, unwrapped, by the end of term. Children staying at the refuge range from birth to 18 years old. Due to Covid-19, all gifts must be new. Thank you to everyone who has already given a donation, the response has been overwhelming.

FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Please ensure that on a Friday, your child brings in an extra jumper or layers and warm socks, hat and gloves during the winter period. It can get very cold in the woods especially if the children are focussing on stories or activities rather than moving around.

Y3/4 ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL-MONDAY 14th DECEMBER

Please could all children in Year 3 and 4 bring in a warm coat, hat and gloves on Monday 14th December as they will be outside taking part in an Orienteering session with Mrs Alderslade for part of the morning.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by Monday 14th December

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UPDATE

Zumba will resume after Christmas **on THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021.**

The last SPORTS CLUB for this term will be on **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER.** Sports club will resume on **MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 th December :	Orienteering Festival (Y3+4)-on playing field LAST PE AND SPORTS CLUB OF THE TERM
15 th December :	Northern Stage virtual Christmas show and Christmas party p.m.
16 th December:	Queens Hall/Alnwick Playhouse-virtual Christmas show
18 th December:	Break for Christmas
4 th January:	Spring 1 st term starts PE AND SPORTS CLUB start
7 th January:	ZUMBA starts
11 th February:	Last day of term
12 th February:	Teacher day
22 nd February:	Spring 2 nd term starts