



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children in Years 1, 2 and 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week. They will take turns to look after the Attendance Cup for the week. Great Attendance across the year groups this week-well done!

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE %</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| RECEPTION   | 93%                 |
| YEAR 1      | 100%                |
| YEAR 2      | 100%                |
| YEAR 3      | 87%                 |
| YEAR 4      | 100%                |

### **TAG RUGBY COMPETITION**



We are very proud of our Year 3 and 4 children who were selected to play in the Tag Rugby Competition at Tynedale Rugby Club yesterday. It was a glorious day and the children showed great determination and team spirit against the other school teams. There are some more action photos on our website.

### **SWIMMING**

Please remember that Swimming (**for Years 1 to 4 only**) starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Children will need swimming costume/trunks, goggles and a towel with a named bag. Please try to avoid tights which are difficult to get on after swimming and please make sure long hair is tied back.

### **FIREWORK NIGHT**

The Playing Field Trust will be holding their annual Firework display on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November on the playing field next to the school. Food will be available from 6pm and the fireworks will begin at 6.30pm.

### **THE FRIENDS**

**The Friends** will be selling glo-sticks and sweet treats on Bonfire Night as part of the Playing Field Trust's Firework display. There will be a Christmas disco fundraiser on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December between 5:30-6:30pm. Tickets will be available to purchase after half term.

### **POPPY APPEAL**

We have a box of paper poppies that will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for a small donation. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please send them in with a small cash donation for the collection box.

### **\*AFTER SCHOOL CLUB REMINDERS\***

**NO SPORTS CLUB ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Once again this year, through a campaign called **Operation Christmas Child**, run by the UK charity **Samaritan's Purse**, Humshaugh First School is joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts – things like **tooth brushes, soap, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, books, toys or games** - to needy children around the world. (Please see their website for more information about suitable/unsuitable items, as due to new customs regulations certain items are no longer allowed).

Through this campaign, we want to teach our children about **generosity and compassion for others**, and to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference to those less fortunate. We are asking each child, if possible, to bring in to school **one item from the list** which would be a suitable gift for a child in either the **2-4, 5-9 or 10-14** age categories, to add to their **class shoeboxes**. Members of the School Council will be filling and wrapping the shoeboxes and we would like to send them off on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** in order to meet delivery deadlines. If your family would like to make up their own box to send, instead of contributing to the class box, we would welcome these too.

Should you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or Samaritan's Purse, please visit:

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Please note that this is an **entirely voluntary contribution** – there is, of course, absolutely no obligation if for any reason you do not wish to take part.

Thank you for your support.

### **Dates for your diary**

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| <b>Friday 25th October:</b>                | Teacher Day   |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:</b>     | Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> term starts <b>(PE and Sports Club starts)</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November:</b>   | Swimming starts-Y1-4  |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:</b>    | Remembrance Service-St. Peter's Church 9.30am (All welcome)<br><b>NO SPORTS CLUB</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:</b> | Friends from the Village  |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:</b>    | Children in Need-Wear something spotty (or colourful) Donations welcome.  |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:</b> | Christmas show 'It's Chriiiiistmas!' 9.15am and 5.30pm  |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:</b>  | Christmas Lunch   |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:</b>    | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (Please wear a festive top and bring a £1 donation)<br>Friends Christmas Disco 5.30-6.30pm |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:</b>    | 1.00pm 'The Three Bears'-Queens Hall (N/R)  |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:</b>   | 10.00am 'A Viking Christmas'-Queens Hall (Y1-4)   |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>  | Christmas Party p.m.  |
| <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  |

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term holiday.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

