



19th December 2014 Newsletter

Attendance

Despite the tummy bugs, coughs and colds that have been going round, our percentage attendance is outstanding for the term and can be broken down into year groups as follows:

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	98.2%

Congratulations to the following children who have had 100% attendance this term: Logan , Hayden , Tristan, Tess, Immy, Naomi, Bayleigh, Hazel and Ben.

Parentmail

Thank you to those parents who have registered their accounts. Please check your e-mails and register your account over the Christmas holiday if you have not yet done so. If you need any assistance with this, Mrs Rowcroft will be happy to help. We are hoping to get the service up and running from January, when all newsletters and school communications will be sent electronically.

Severe weather

Please be extra careful if it is icy in the mornings. Mr Davison will grit a path to provide safe access to school. In the event of extreme weather, please check the school website for information on school closures. We will do everything we can to ensure school is open for 'business as usual', but the safety of our children and staff is paramount.

Christmas lunch

Pupils from Newbrough Primary and Humshaugh First School and Pre-School shared a very enjoyable Christmas lunch last Thursday. It was lovely to see the children mixing and making friends so easily. Congratulations to Mrs Bridges and Mrs Kennedy who received a visit from Environmental Health whilst they were preparing the lunch for 125 guests. The kitchen was graded at 5 star!

Wind in the Willows

Huge thanks to the Friends for paying for this end of term treat for the children. They were entertained by Ratty, Mole, Toad and Badger and all the characters of the 'wild wood'. It was an excellent production which I would highly recommend to families.

Christmas parties

These were held on Monday 15th December for Pre-School and Thursday 18th December. Thanks to Mrs Smith, Mrs Blythe and Mrs Long for organising the games and to Santa for finding time in his busy schedule to visit us!

Swimming

We will be swimming next term, starting on Thursday 8th January 2015. We request a contribution of £2.50 per child per week. Please make cheques payable to Northumberland County Council for £15 to cover the half term.

Lunch money

There are 28 schools days next half term. Lunch money may be paid weekly on a Monday for the week ahead or for the half term if this is more convenient. The cost for the half term is £56 per child. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to Mrs Newson in confidence, as we can claim Pupil Premium funding which will directly benefit your child.

Carol Service

We ended our Autumn term reflecting on the mystery of Christmas during our Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh at 9.15am. Thank you to Canon Christine Bull for leading the service.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 5th January 2015: INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January: Children return for start of Spring term.

Thursday 12th February: Children break up for Spring half term.

Friday 13th February: INSET day

Kind regards,
Cath Newson (Headteacher)

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

