



1st December 2017 Newsletter

Advent Day

The children had a fabulous day with Judith Sadler from the Diocese learning about Advent through the Godly Plays, songs and craft activities. We would like to thank staff and the team of volunteers who made the day such a great success. Photos are on the website.

Christmas Service-St. Peter's Church at 9.15am

Please come and join us for a short service led by Revd. Steve. There will be readings and lovely songs with all children taking part.

Forest School invitation

Miss Osborne would like to invite parents and carers along to a *Festive Forest School* session on Friday 15th December from 12.50 pm – 2.30 pm. There will be impromptu carols around the fire with a wintery story, mince pies and hot chocolate (for the children). You are welcome to bring a flask. Please come along with your vocal chords warmed up and your bush-craft skills at the ready!

Please meet us in the school playground at 12.50pm and we will walk up to the woods together.

To enable us to purchase enough mince pies and establish who we are expecting, please could you let us know if you wish to attend this session by returning the attached slip.

Tesco spend-Year 4s

Miss Bell, Tess and Jamie went to Tesco on Thursday to spend the money raised at the Community Soup Day. They bought a range of Christmas gifts to suit teenagers, as requested by the Crisis charity in Hexham. Thank you again to all those who donated to this important cause.

Humshaugh Calendars

Calendars are on sale at the Community Shop for £5.00. The First School do feature in the month of July. The picture was created by the children with the help of Miss Osborne. If you would like to see the calendar, Mrs Long has one in her office!

Save the children Christmas jumper day

We have signed up again for this event so please send your child in on the last day of term (Friday 22nd December) in the most festive top or jumper you can find! Please send in a small donation.

FRIENDS

Thursday 23rd November-Christmas Shop

The Treat shop was a resounding success making £80 for the Friends. Thank you to Louise Armatage for organising and all parents for their donations and contributions. We really appreciate all your support.

DON'T FORGET...

Wednesday 20th December-Lights, Camel, Action at 9.15am

There will be a raffle and hamper at Lights Camel Action, so one donation from each family would be gratefully received. Raffle prizes or suitable 'Festive Hamper' items can be dropped into school from the beginning of December. The monies raised will be used to treat the children at the Christmas party.

Please send in suitable hamper items such as...

Wine, chocolates, Xmas napkins, Xmas crackers, tea, coffee, biscuits, stollen etc

Artsmark Award

We are now officially an Artsmark school (working towards gaining an Artsmark award). We even have a smart new logo! Over the next two years, the children will become even more involved in a range of exciting Arts based activities. In addition to the Performing Arts that we already provide, children will work with Artists in Residence, take part in a Story Telling Project and an Opera project based on Carmen. Mrs Long is very excited to say the least!!



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Smart new logo!

Travelling Crib

Mrs Wilkinson has organised a Travelling Crib this year. Each day the crib will be sent home with a child or family with a book. They are to write a short piece depending on their age and return the crib to school the following day for the next person to take it home and so on. There are instructions and a list of children in the book.

Messy Church Club (School Hall)

The club is proving to be incredibly popular with 30 children signed up. We are very fortunate to have a number of local volunteers and of course Mrs Wilkinson and Revd. Steve. Safeguarding is as always the top priority so please read the information below.

***The club runs from 3.05pm until 4.15pm sharp.**

*Parents are invited to come and see what the children have been doing **from 4pm** and refreshments will be available.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

***The back door will be locked at 3.05pm and the children will bring all of their belongings into the hall.**

PARENTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD NOT RETURN TO CLASSROOMS AFTER THE CLUB FINISHES, BUT EXIT OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

***Please note that Mrs Rowcroft is not usually in the office on a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Long is often at meetings on Tuesdays. The staff and volunteers are unable to keep coming to the front door to let parents in for early pick-ups.**

THE FRONT DOOR WILL BE OPENED AT 4.00PM.

If children need to be picked up earlier, then we suggest that perhaps they do not attend Messy Church club at this time.

Dinner Money-Autumn 2nd (30.10.17-22.12.17)

The amount due for this half term is **£89.70.**

The breakdown is as follows: 39 meals @ £2.30.

There will be one day when we go to see The Wizard of Oz that we will ask all parents to provide a packed lunch.

Please make cheques payable to **Northumberland County Council.**

OUTDOOR LEARNING (every Friday)

On Fridays, children will need to wear warm trousers, jeans or leggings to school rather than ordinary school uniform.

We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.

Now that it is colder, it is essential that your child is suitably dressed with warm trousers, extra jumper, socks, hat, gloves and coat. They also still need waterproof trousers, a waterproof outer layer and wellies or hiking boots and warm socks.

PLEASE PROVIDE WATERPROOF GLOVES RATHER THAN WOOLLEN ONES WHICH BECOME WET EASILY

Other dates for your diary.

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December: Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church 9.15am (All welcome)

Monday 18th December: Trip to see Wizard of Oz-Queens Hall (all children to bring own packed lunch)

Wednesday 20th December: Lights, Camel, Action! Christmas Production-9.15am

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party 1pm

Friday 22nd December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day / Break up for Christmas!

Monday 8th January 2018: Teacher Day

Tuesday 9th January 2018: Spring 1st term starts

Best wishes, Jude Long

Please return this slip to the class teacher

Festive Forest School – Friday 15th December (12.50pm-2.30pm)

Name of child/children: _____

I will be attending the Festive Forest School and will meet you in the playground at 12.50pm.

I am unable to attend the Festive Forest School.

Signed: _____

