



## **4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Newsletter**

### **Evans Trust donation**

Congratulations to Mrs Smith and Mrs Blythe who submitted a bid to the Evans Trust for funds to develop the outdoor area for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. They have been awarded £4000 which will be used to buy equipment to develop children's problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork skills.

### **Money**

Money for swimming lessons and school meals should be sent to school on a Monday morning. All money and cheques (made payable to NCC) should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and what the money is for clearly labelled please. Cheques for school trips should be made payable to Humshaugh School Fund please, again in a labelled envelope.

### **Advent soup and sing-a-long**

This took place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Children used vegetables they had grown at Gardening Club to make a delicious carrot, potato, turnip and leek soup. Thanks to all parents who helped to set up the hall, serve on the day or sell bags to raise funds for the PTA. The enjoyment and confidence of the children's singing was a joy to watch and we had a record turnout this year. We will make the soup and sing-a-long a regular event at Advent following positive feedback from visitors. Thanks also to pre-school for organising a raffle; this raised £100.

### **Elm Bank Residential Home**

Children performed some festive songs to the residents of Elm Bank yesterday. They were very warmly welcomed by the staff and residents. Thanks to Mrs Long for organising this visit.

### **Christmas lunch and Children of the World**

Children have been invited by Newbrough pupils to watch their Christmas production called 'Children of the World'. This will take place before the Christmas lunch at Newbrough on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Nativity Carol Service**

This will be held at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Details have been provided in a separate letter. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

### **Pre-School Nativity**

Please come and support our youngest children who will be performing their Nativity on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. The performance will last approximately 20 minutes. All children in school are invited to bring in a small amount of money (£1 maximum) to spend at the toy/cake stall which will take place after the nativity.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Legend of King Arthur at the Queen's Hall, Hexham/visit to ipots.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas party for school children. Mrs Kennedy to provide lunch.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** Staff INSET day.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return to school for the start of the Spring term.

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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### **Memory Awakens Hope**

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Seek That Which Is Above*, 1986

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...."

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to Newbrough Primary School on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December.

I enclose £1 (children in Year R, 1 and 2) / I enclose £3 (children in pre-school, Year 3 and 4).

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