



2nd December 2016 Newsletter

Lateness

There have been a growing number of late entries in the Late book in the last couple of weeks and it is often the same children who are arriving after the bell has been rung. **The bell rings at 8.50am so that children are in class by 8.55am.** If you arrive after the bell has been rung, please buzz on the front door.

Children will be taken to the cloak room by a member of staff.

Parents DO NOT need to accompany children through the school.

Regular lateness has an impact on your child's learning as instructions are given as soon as they enter the classroom and children start learning tasks straight away. If children come in late they are already having to catch up with their peers. Many children have interventions and extra support with our Teaching Assistants first thing in the morning. It is a waste of their time if they are having to wait for children to arrive in school. We know as adults that it is vital that we are good timekeepers for jobs and appointments therefore it is beneficial for children be encouraged to be on time for school. Please help us by ensuring your child is in school promptly.

On a lighter note...



Congratulations to Maya, Tristan, Aimee-Leigh, Kayleigh, Rowan, Alana and Hayden who have been chosen by the Casting Director at CBeebies to appear in their program Stargazing. Filming will take place in early January at Kielder Observatory. We will let you know when the program is due to air.

Hosanna Rock!

Our Christmas nativity Hosanna Rock! is suddenly next week!

Thursday 8th December at 9.15am and 5.30pm in the school hall.

The performance will include Pre-school children and Reception to Year 4.

The morning performance will be followed by tea, coffee and mince pies and a **raffle** organised by the Friends.

All children now have a costume-many thanks for those of you who have provided items of costume or props.

Everything will be returned after the day of the performance.

Look out for a letter with information about the actual performance day.

A note from Green Monkey Portraits (they will be taking photos during and after the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 7th December.

*In order to process orders for the end of term we will need order forms for Hosanna Rock photos back by next **Friday 9th December.***

We are aiming to get the proofs to school on the Thursday (the day after the dress rehearsal) and appreciate this is a tight turn around, but we have other plays in the next fortnight and it is a question of managing the workload and trying to ensure all parents get their photos back in time for Christmas should they want them as presents.

However, any orders received by the last day of term will also be available for collection at Soled 4 Kids children's shoe shop in Back Street in Hexham on the 22nd and 23rd December. We have arranged this to help ensure any photos needed as Christmas presents are available for parents.

Christmas Church Service

We are having a Christmas service at **St. Peter's Church, led by Reverend Steve on Monday 12th December at 2.15pm.** **Everyone is very welcome** to join us in celebrating the Nativity with traditional readings and carols.

School Christmas post

Miss Bell has kindly made a new post box. Children are welcome to bring clearly labelled Christmas cards to post in the box and these will be distributed by Year 4 children. Make sure the name and Year group or Class is legible on the envelope.

Pre-School Christmas post

Shona (committee member and parent) has very kindly set up a Christmas postal delivery service in Humshaugh as a fundraiser for Pre-School. Anyone in the village can post their cards in special boxes around the village along with their delivery fee of 30p per card. Shona will then sort the cards and they will be shared between willing Pre-School parents to deliver. Please support this fab idea if you can by using the service for your cards or volunteering to deliver cards.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. PE is on a Friday every week.

If your child does not have a PE kit, they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.

Outdoor Adventure club

The last Outdoor Adventure club for this term will be on **Monday 5th December. NO CLUB ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER** It will resume **on Monday 9th January 2017**. The children will be learning all about First Aid.

Christmas lunch money

Please send in £2.20 in a clearly labelled envelope if your child is having a Christmas lunch and is not eligible for Universal or Free school meals.

All monies for school lunches must be sent in to the office by Friday 16th December

Library opening hours

The library continues to be open every **Wednesday between 3.05pm and 3.45pm**. This will enable you and your child to choose a book and to write it in the folder on the desk. Could I ask that the library be left as you would want to find it, with books neatly put away and furniture returned to its place. Last year members of staff frequently had to tidy up following after school library sessions. Please remember, they are busy already without this extra responsibility.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 5th December: Last Outdoor Adventure club for this half term (resumes Monday 9th January 2017)

Wednesday 7th December: Green Monkey Portraits-taking photos of dress rehearsal and individuals in costume

Thursday 8th December: Hosanna Rock! 9.15am and 5.30pm (**Refreshments and raffle after the morning performance only**)

Monday 12th December: Christmas service at St. Peter's Church at 2.15pm (Everyone welcome)

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas lunch at Humshaugh

Wednesday 14th December: Oddsocks pantomime and singing at Elm Bank

Thursday 15th December: Christmas party

Friday 16th December: Save the Children Christmas jumper day and last day of term (Please make a donation)

Tuesday 3rd January 2017: Spring term starts

Thursday 5th January 2017: Swimming starts

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)



