



Attendance

Unfortunately due to illness none of the year groups achieved 100% attendance. Let's hope everyone is feeling better next week!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	97%
YEAR 1	90%
YEAR 2	94%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	85%

96-100% = 🙌 93-96% = 👉 Below 93% = 😱

FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE AFTERNOON

As you know we visit our local Senior citizens at Harvest time, Christmas time and Easter time with gifts and cards. This year we thought it would be even better if we could give our time as the gift so we invited our friends for an afternoon of games, colouring and reading.

The children in Years 3 and 4 helped set up the hall to make it look warm and inviting, with a selection of activities on each table. They welcomed our 15 visitors with beaming smiles and were polite, attentive and utterly charming. Our visitors were absolutely delighted to join in with everything and the hall was filled with happy, smiling, laughing grown-ups and children.

My thanks must go to Dr McCollum for liaising with our 15 visitors about the arrangements and to Diana and Alison for organising tea, coffee and mince pies for the grown-ups and juice and biscuits for the children and to Mrs Wilkinson for organising mince pies and resources.

Towards the end of the afternoon, the whole school performed a selection of songs from our Christmas show and some traditional festive songs. We have already received thank you letters and cards and the comments from our visitors were incredibly positive and highly complementary about the children and how much they enjoyed the afternoon. We have already organised the next afternoon which will be on Wednesday 30th January and this time the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be the hosts.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Children are very welcome to post Christmas cards in the post box from **Monday 10th December** and Y4 pupils will deliver the cards to each class at the end of the day.

Parents are under no obligation to provide cards for children to give. A more economical option is for your child to write a card to the class or year group rather than individuals or of course you can't beat a homemade card!

Festive singing at Hexham Mart-Friday 14th December

Please return your permission slip if you haven't already.

TRAVELLING CRIB

The Travelling Crib is on its way. There are two age appropriate bags with the nativity figures and a book with instructions in. Mrs Wilkinson has asked me to request that parents ensure the bags are brought in and given to the next child on the list. As we have so many children, there is just enough time left during the term for everyone to get a turn. If the bags aren't brought back every day, then children will miss out.

CLUBS UPDATE

SPORTS CLUB- FINISHED-Starts back on MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019

MESSY CHURCH-FINISHED-Starts back on TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019

ZUMBA- FINISHED-Starts back on THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019

ALL CLUBS START BACK IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE NEW TERM (WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019).

Christmas show-Wednesday 12th December 9.15am and 5.30pm

We are nearly ready for our production of 'Children of the World'. Please look out for a letter with information about the day of the show. Space will be very limited and the area around the seating must be clear for children to move around safely. Push chairs can be stored in the entrance/staff room area. As always parents are asked not to upload photos and videos onto Social Media.

FRIENDS EVENTS

*Thank you to Vicki and the Friends for organising a fantastic Cinema night on Wednesday.

The Polar Express was a great night, enjoyed by everyone (even those of us who couldn't hear the bells) and raised a wonderful £143 to put towards this year's Panto trip!

The Christmas raffle will take place on the 12th December, with the winning tickets pulled after the final performance of the Christmas show. We have had some fantastic prizes donated including a stay at the Shepherds Hut at Wild Northumbrian.

*Prizes would still be much appreciated for the raffle.
Please drop any donated items in to Mrs Rowcroft in the office.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th December:	Dress rehearsal (Pre-School watching)
Wednesday 12th December:	Christmas show (9.15am and 5.30pm)
Friday 14th December:	Christmas Lunch Save the Children Christmas Jumper/Non-school uniform (Small donation if possible) Festive singing at The Hexham Mart
Monday 17th December:	Whole school trip to the Oddsocks Panto (Robin Hood)
Wednesday 19th December:	Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church 9.30am (Everyone welcome)
Thursday 20th December:	Christmas Party
Friday 21st December:	Break up for Christmas. Parents welcome to pick children up from 1pm.
Monday 7th January 2019:	School starts (Spring 1 st half) Sports club starts
Tuesday 8th January:	Messy Church starts
Thursday 10th January:	Swimming starts Zumba starts
Wednesday 30th January:	Second Friends from the village sessions (Tea and games)