



Friday 18th December 2020 (4 PAGES)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Year 2 who achieved 100% attendance this week.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	98%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	100%
YEAR 3	97%
YEAR 4	83%

TEAM POINTS

Well done to this half term's team point winners OAK with a massive 285,350 team points!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children enjoyed an afternoon of festive games and dancing and even had a visit from Santa! Thank you so much to Vicki, Amy and the Friends for providing fabulous presents and to Norman Griffiths for being a fantastic 'special guest'!

NORTHERN STAGE AND CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOBS

Instead of our usual trip to the Queens Hall, we enjoyed two virtual Christmas productions this week. Firstly, the children in Years 1 to 4 watched Northern Stage's production of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' which was most amusing. Secondly, all classes watched a production created by Queens Hall Arts and Alnwick Playhouse-'Christmas with the Hobs'.

PIANO CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE DVD

We usually have our Christmas carol service on the last day of term. However, this year we showed excerpts of the Christmas service DVD that the children were involved in making.

We were also treated to Clair's piano pupils who wowed us all with a selection of festive tunes. Well done to Effie, Bella, Oscar, William JG, Teddy and Sarah who bravely played in front of the children in Years 1 to 4. Thank you to Clair for being a fantastic piano teacher.

Y3/4 ORIENTEERING



The children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an Orienteering session on Monday with Mrs Alderslade. They had fun navigating their way around the field to follow routes and complete a scavenger hunt.

TYNEDALE SCHOOL GAMES

We are delighted that the children in Class 3 came 3rd overall in a Virtual Cricket competition organised by Mrs Alderslade. Well done Class 3! In the New Year there will be a virtual Gymnastics competition.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Messy Church volunteer Richard Dodds who sent us a beautiful angel gift and lovely message that was shared with the children in Collective Worship.



TELEVISION OPPORTUNITY

MAKEAWAY TAKEAWAY - A brand new art series for CITV are currently **searching for boys and girls age 8-12 who are chatty, bubbling with personality and passionate about arts and crafts to take part.** Throughout the series a selection of children will get the chance to create some amazing pieces of art with our presenter, comedian and artist extraordinaire, Bec Hill.

We are keen to give children from across the UK the opportunity to apply which is why we are contacting schools directly in the hope you will be able to help us spread the word about this exciting opportunity!

A link to the official casting call on CITV website can also be found here: <https://www.itv.com/citv/articles/would-you-like-to-be-on-tv-makeaway-takeaway>

If parents submit an audition video of their child they will be asked to sign a consent form which I will send to them directly. Selected children and their parents will either be invited to our filming location in Greater Manchester or filming will take place remotely via Skype. This is scheduled to take place in February 2021, however filming for this series will be completed using approved guidance, and the applicable COVID related Makeaway Takeaway Productions Policies and Protocols.

Parents can make contact directly via casting@dottodotproductions.com or call me on 07769510134 if they have any questions.

MESSY CHURCH IN A BAG

Every child was given a Messy Church in a bag on Monday. Thank you to all the local church volunteers who have created these super craft bags. There is a leaflet in each bag with instructions and children are very welcome to go and hang their homemade decorations on the Christmas tree in the church.

PARENTZONE-INTERNET SAFETY

Please take a look at the free family resources from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure

NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/?mc_cid=42bb0d8bd6&mc_eid=7bddae09e9

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



AUTHOR OF THE WEEK: Lauren Child

Listen to the Pippi Longstocking audiobook, discover Lauren Child's top children's books and watch videos with the author.

EXTRA JUMPER

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

FESTIVE DIGITAL RARING TO GO

A special "Christmas At Home" digital edition is now available. It is jam packed with lots of fun festive ideas families can do in and around their home.

This is the link: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/northumberland/winter/>

NORTHUMBERLAND WOMEN'S REFUGE

As you know, this year we are collecting Christmas present donations for the Northumberland Women's Refuge. The refuge is based in East Northumberland and provides a safe place for women and their children to stay. If you would like to purchase a present for either a child or a mother please send gifts in to the school office, unwrapped, by the end of term. Children staying at the refuge range from birth to 18 years old. Due to Covid-19, all gifts must be new. Thank you to everyone who has already given a donation, the response has been overwhelming. Thank you to Sarah Dodd who will take the donations to the refuge in time for Christmas.

FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Please ensure that on a Friday, your child brings in an extra jumper or layers and warm socks, hat and gloves during the winter period. It can get very cold in the woods especially if the children are focussing on stories or activities rather than moving around.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school by Monday 4th January 2021.

UNIFORM CHECK

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. During the holidays, please check that you haven't inadvertently obtained another pupil's clothing as several school jumpers have been mislaid.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UPDATE

Sports club will resume on **MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021.**

Zumba will resume after Christmas on **THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021.**

SWIMMING

Just in case you missed my email earlier in the week, the children in Years 1 to 4 WILL NOT start swimming in January due to limited time slots as a result of strict Covid restrictions.

SCHOOL LUNCH-MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2020

Our catering provider Newbrough Primary School are having a Teacher day on Monday 4th January, therefore **school lunch will be a packed lunch for this day.** Hot school lunches will resume on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th December:	Break for Christmas
4 th January:	Spring 1 st term starts (SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH) PE AND SPORTS CLUB start
7 th January:	ZUMBA starts
11 th February:	Last day of term
12 th February:	Teacher day
22 nd February:	Spring 2 nd term starts

Finally, on behalf of the staff, I would like to say a massive thank you for all the gifts and cards that we have received. We really appreciate your kind words and generosity and all your support through this first term of a very unusual year!

**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

