



NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Christingle Service on Thursday 30th November will be slightly different this year. The service will be led by the children in Y5/6 with each child saying a few lines. There will be one or two hymns and the recorder group and instrumentalists will be playing. Whilst some of the younger children in school will be coming to watch they are not directly involved. There will be plenty of room in the Church for anyone who wants to come and watch. The service starts at 2.00pm and will finish at approximately 2.45pm. Any parents attending can then take their children home at this time. *There are no after school activities on this day.*

PANTOMIME VISIT

Next Friday will see 100 pupils and staff from Cummersdale travel to Newcastle Theatre Royal to see a production of Peter Pan. We will leave school at 11.00am and stop at Hexham en-route for lunch and a toilet stop before arriving at the theatre in time for the 2.00pm show. We will leave Newcastle straight away after the show and depending on traffic, it is expected we will be back in Cummersdale by **6.30pm**.

It is always a fantastic day which lasts long in the memory and in order to make the trip as successful as possible, please help with the following:

- All children will need a packed lunch. Those who have ordered packed lunches will be provided with them on the day.
- Normal school uniform should be worn, but any festive additions are more than welcome
- Please do not send your child with any more sweets than they need for themselves. We find that the children are excitable enough on the day anyhow and in the past we have children feeling ill due to the amount of sweets eaten. I must also remind parents that sweets/snacks with nuts (especially peanuts), should **not** be taken.
- Children may bring magazines, games or similar to occupy themselves on the journey. **Sadly, we must say that phones, I-Pads or similar must not be taken** as in the past, these have been used inappropriately or even broken. We find that the children are usually quite happy just chatting.
- The school staff have responsibility for all children and each child has been allocated to a member of staff.
- Due to the escalating costs and frantic rush to purchase them, we do not want children to buy fluorescent flashing toys at the theatre this year. However, you are more than welcome to bring something similar with you if you have one.
- Children do not need to bring any money with them.
- A small number of parents are travelling independently. Please let the school know if you are collecting your child in Newcastle.
- When picking up in Cummersdale after the pantomime, please do not park anywhere near the zig zag lines as the coaches need plenty of room to park so the children can all alight safely.
- *Do bring lots of energy in order to cheer, laugh heartily, boo and hiss!*

Unfortunately due to increasing pupil numbers, there will be no parents travelling with the school on this trip. With an

increase in staff members, we have been able to allocate all children to a staff member who will have responsibility for them throughout the day.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Many thanks to all those who contributed. The day raised £78 for this worthy cause.

SPORTS NEWS

The football team reached the County finals of the ESFA competition and came a creditable 3rd out of the 7 finalists, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2 of their matches. The next time the football team will be in action is likely to be at The Sands Centre on Saturday January 27th.

The cross-country runners ran well on a damp day at Thursby with Jennifer Thompson (11th) and Jack Barratt (12th) being two of our best performers.

Twelve children will be representing the school at Sports Hall athletics next Tuesday.

MATHS CHALLENGE DAY – Well done to Jack Barratt (Gold), Charlotte Delin (Silver) and Charlotte Scott (Silver) who performed well in a recent Maths Challenge at Caldew School.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Toby Wilson (Y1)** for really trying hard with his reading and keeping Mrs Crellen entertained. Last week's **Pupil of the Week** was **Dominic Allen (Y6)** for trying hard in all areas of school.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Alfie Mitchell (Y3)** for remembering to keep the library tidy when others didn't. Last week's winner was **Maci Grice (Y2)** for always being kind and friendly.

This week's Maths Whizz winner is **C.....(Y)**. Last week's winner was **Toby Wilson (Y1)**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	Recorders	Y3– 6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Monday	Christmas Craft Club	Y1–2	Mrs Graham/Mrs Haughan	3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday	CSI Investigates	Y3– 6	Mrs Wakefield/Miss Brecken	3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday	Gymnastics	Rec /Y1	Mrs Scott/Miss Giovannini	3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Let's Get Cooking	Y5	Mrs Barratt/Mrs Stables	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Infant Multi Sports	Y1-2	Mr Jones/Miss Beardwood	3.15 – 4.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/11/17	Sportshall Athletics (Y5/6) – Sands Centre
28/11/17	Governors' Meeting
30/11/17	Christingle Service, St James' Church
01/12/17	Whole School Visit to Peter Pan, Newcastle Theatre Royal
07/12/17	Christmas Dinner
07/12/17	Christmas Bingo (3.15pm)
12/12/17	Christmas Parties
13/12/17	Infant Christmas Production – 2.00pm at Caldew School
13/12/17	Junior Musical Extravaganza – 7.00pm at Caldew School
15/12/17	End of Term (1.15pm)