

## Newsletter Friday 26th October 2018

### Christmas Fair

As you all know, this year we have decided to hold a Christmas Fair on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm to 7pm** in place of the Autumn Fair and we intend to make it a wonderful one.

We will have a range of stalls, including games, home baked goodies, Christmas crafts made by the children, tombola, craft making stalls, hot food and much more, including a delightfully decorated grotto where Santa will be waiting to be visited by excited little children!

There is a non-uniform day in school on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. In return we would like to ask your child to bring into school a new item for the fair e.g. tombola prize, bottle tombola prize, raffle prize, toiletries, small packet of sweets, biscuits etc.

All proceeds from the fair will go towards paying for every child from Reception to year 6 to enjoy the Christmas pantomime at Billingham Forum. We would like to take this opportunity to ask you once again for your much appreciated support this year. Please bring your friends and family to what we know will be a wonderful Christmas Extravaganza!

### Best Wishes to Miss Inman

The staff, pupils and Governors would like to wish Miss Inman all the very best as she starts her maternity leave today. Mrs Larkman will be teaching in class 1 commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Children in Need

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** school will be supporting Children in Need. Children can come into school in either spots or pyjamas at a price of £1. There will be biscuits and juice on sale priced 50p. Children in Need head bands and keyrings are on sale priced £2.50 and £2 from the school office.

### X Factor

We wish Molly Scott, one of our former pupils, all the luck in the world in the live X Factor shows.

### School Menus

Please find attached the new school Autumn/Winter lunch menu for your information.

### A.S.C

After half-term Mrs. Minton will be running a Movie A.S.C. every Friday from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. The cost is £3 for 1 hour and £5 for 2 hours. This includes popcorn, ice cream and snacks. She will occasionally show PG movies. If you have any objections, please contact school. Advance booking and payment is required.

### Cauliflower Cards

Once again, school is taking part in the very popular Cauliflower Cards project. All pupils create their own Christmas card in school and parents can purchase them. The registration form must be completed by a parent/carer and full payment received before the order can be processed. The orders and full payment must be returned to school by **Thursday 8th November**. Unfortunately, no orders can be taken after this date.

### Poppies

Poppies and stationery items are on sale in school for the Royal British Legion. The stationery items are priced from 50p to £1. Any donation will be accepted from 20p upwards for the poppies.

### Green Flag

Following a recent green flag award assessment we are pleased to announce that Greatham School has been awarded the Green Flag. The assessor made the following comments:-  
"I would like to thank Mrs. Sotheran and all the enthusiastic team for showing me around school. The team was very knowledgeable and enjoyed their work". The assessor also commented that Harry had a good knowledge about the effects of plastic and the marine world. The report stated that Mrs. Sotheran works tirelessly and is well regarded by the school head teacher for all her efforts.

### SATs 2019

*KS2 (Y6) SATs tests take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Assessments for all other year groups also take place around this time. Please ensure your child is in school.*

We feel it would be useful for parents to have a list of dates for school events leading up to Christmas as soon as possible. As you can see, it is going to be another busy half-term, so please keep these dates to hand as we would not want you to miss any of these wonderful events. However, we may have to make some alterations to times and dates and if this is necessary, you will be notified via a school newsletter, text or email.

It is therefore very important that all letters are read by parents/guardians.

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for half-term.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening for class 2, 3 & 4 from 3.30 to 5.30pm. Please contact the school office for an appointment.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening for class 2, 3 & 4 from 5pm to 7pm. Please contact the school office for an appointment.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 at Robinwood
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Cauliflower Cards orders and full payment to be returned to school.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 1 visit to Wild Animal Adventure, Stockton
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 Worship. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 visit to Durham Castle.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Class 3 Worship. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Class 4 visit to Stichell House.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 Worship. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 Carol singing at Morrisons, Hartlepool from 11am to 11.30am for the NSPCC.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 1 visit to Stichell House
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non uniform day for donated items for the Christmas Fair.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair from 5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception to year 6 pupils at Billingham Forum to see Peter Pan.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 Worship. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 3 visit to Stichell House.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 4 at Borough Hall Snappy Christmas rehearsal and performance 1pm to 2pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols around the Christmas Tree at 3.30pm. Everyone welcome, further information to follow.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas party in school at 1.10pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 2 visit to Stichell House
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas production at 2pm in school.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas production at 6pm in school.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle Service in Church at 10am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Children finish for Christmas
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Children return to school.

### Traffic

School has had further complaints regarding the parking during the dropping off and collecting of children and driving to and from school. Please be aware of the 20 mph speed limit throughout the village. Could you please be respectful and avoid parking outside of residents' properties. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September school hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many parents, family and friends attend this event. Mrs. Sotheran won guess the size of the sausage roll which measured 49cm. A cheque for £285 was sent from school. Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for attending and supporting our Harvest Festival which was held in Church last week. This year, the children decided to collect food items and toiletries for Hartlepool Food Bank. This organisation would like us to pass on their sincere thanks for your generosity.