




Newsletter



Monday 29th November 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 29 th November		
Tuesday 30 th November	Whole school Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 1 st December	 Post box for children's Christmas cards will be out today for deliveries in school.	
Thursday 2 nd December	Class 2 Whole school	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) Children's Christmas Bingo (finish at 5pm)
Friday 3 rd December	 Reception	Festive Friday - wear something Christmassy instead of your uniform! Forest School session
Monday 6 th December	Class 2	Newcastle University STEM visit 'Story of Earth'
Tuesday 7 th December	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school) Cinema night : Polar Express(finish at 5.15pm)
Wednesday 8 th December		
Thursday 9 th December	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 10 th December	Whole school Reception	Festive Friday Forest School



*Please contact our school office as soon as possible if your child is absent– thank you.
For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes
to your child's home time arrangements – thankyou.*

*If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with
a PCR test following the latest government guidance.*



Spring Term Milk orders - please use your ParentPay account to confirm your order before the end of term. Thank you.

School meals

As you're all aware we have had apologies from The Boe Rigg today for our break in school meal service (due to power cuts)

As ever, our team rallied round and have provided tomato soup, a selection of sandwiches with crisps, fruit, hot chocolate and cookies.

Everyone seemed happy with the option and there were lots of clear plates!

We are happy to provide meals this week - please let us know via Class Dojo if you'd like us to do so for your child or if you'll be sending them with a packed lunch. Thank you.



Festive Fridays

We will embrace the Festive season in school by wearing something 'Christmassy' each Friday in December. This might be your Christmas jumper, a Santa hat, hair band or snazzy socks!



Thank you for the raffle prizes already received in school.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy from school and in the village from this week. (Parentpay will be set up)

Please send in any further donations for our raffle into school - thank you.

What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception Topic - Snap, Crackle, Pop Theme of the week-Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

Communication and Language- We will continue to focus on the story 'Owl Babies' and complete a range of activities which will continue to build on our familiarity and understanding of the story by 'hot seating' in role as the different characters.

Personal and Social Development- We will continue to discuss how the baby owls must be feeling now that mummy owl has returned?

Physical Development - We will continue to work on our small motor skills in drawing, writing and painting in different areas of the classroom. We will continue our PE lessons with Mr Ellison.

Literacy- This week we will continue our story 'Owl Babies'. We will order the story in our own zig zag books. We will continue to follow our RWI phonics programme.

Mathematics- We will focus on the numbers 9 and 10. We will look at ways of making each number and focus on matching number to quantity.

Understanding the World - We will create bird feeders. We will also discuss day and night and different animals that are awake either during the day or at night.

Expressive Arts and Design -We will create our own song to the theme of the wheels on the bus. We will continue our music lessons with Mr Burns.

Class 1 : English- Our core book this half term is 'The Bluebird and the Robot'. This week we will be finishing our non-chronological reports about bluebirds. We will be making bird feeders and writing instructions on how to make a bird feeder.

Maths- Year 1 will be comparing number sentences using language 'greater than, less than and equal to'. Year 2 will be learning how to use lots of different methods to solve subtraction sentences such as column addition, using a number line. We will be starting our new maths topic of shape and exploring the properties of shapes.

Science- Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be starting our science experiment and helping Santa with finding the best material to make his new sack out of.

History- Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. This week we will be writing our own diary account of 'The Great fire of London' using Samuel Pepys diary.

Design & Technology- Our topic this half term is designing and making a fire engine. This week we will be starting to make our own fire engine using our design.

P.E- Mr Ellison will be doing games this half term with a focus on multi skills and games.

R.E- This half term we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. This week we will be discussing what festivals we celebrate.

Computing- This half term we will be learning about coding. We will be using the app scratch jr and exploring it this week.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be learning about how we are different and the same to our friends.

Music- Mr Burns will be teaching us lots of new songs and we will be learning about musical notes.

How to help at home- Can you find different shapes around your house?

Class 2 : English - We are finishing reading 'Leon and the Place Between' this week, we will be writing as one of the characters and considering how we write in first person. We will then be discussing our opinions of the story and working to plan a story before we begin to write our own.

Maths - This week we are all going to be working on converting between metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will then move on to perimeter and comparing lengths. Year 4 will also do some work on kilometres and Year 5 will also be doing some problem solving on finding missing lengths when given the perimeter.

Science - This week our focus is learning what opaque, transparent and translucent mean and how to know which one of these a material is. Year 5 will be learning about eyes and how we see.

Topic - We are focusing on air raids this week and considering the measures that were in place to keep people safe.

RE - We will be learning about the shepherds and angels in the nativity story and then working to order the story ourselves.

French - We will be working on our writing this week and working to write sentences about our family and friends.

DT - This week we will be making our Viking shields and we will hope to also begin work on making our Viking longships.

PE - Multi skills with Mr Ellison in PE and swimming on Thursday.

Music - Practising Christmas songs on the trumpet with Mr Burns in music.

Helping at home - Please ensure that you are reading at least three times a week at home. You could also measure items at home and consider which unit of measurement should be used for each item measured.



School admissions

The on-line portal is now open for school admission to Reception for September 2022.
The following link should take you to the page needed to apply for your place.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



We are really sad to share the news that our Christmas performance 'A Christmas Recipe' will not be a live show in the Town Hall as planned. Additional COVID information from NCC has been provided and we are unable to guarantee everyone's safety at this event. We will record the performance and share it with everyone via digital means, taking individual photographs of the children in their costumes for you to order.

Apologies once again, we were ever-hopeful!

Advance dates for your diaries :

2nd December – Christmas Bingo for children (An opportunity to play this fun number game after school with friends and have a snack together. Finish at 5pm, £4 per child. Please use ParentPay to confirm your child's attendance)

7th December – Christmas cinema night for children 'The Polar Express'. (Children can change into their warm PJs and stay after school to watch this movie with friends. We'll have a snack and hot chocolate. Finish at 5.15pm, £5 per child. Parentpay is set up to confirm attendance.

15th December - Christmas Party day (come to school in party clothes) Food will be provided.

17th December – Christmas lunch (yummy!)

Fridays during December will be Christmas jumper days – please wear a festive outfit if you have one!