



Newsletter



Monday 30th November 2020



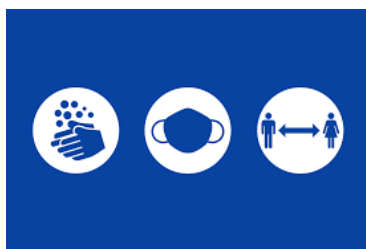
	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 30 th November		
Tuesday 1 st December	Whole school	PE - come to school in PE kit.
Wednesday 2 nd December	Reception	Forest school
Thursday 3 rd December	Whole school	PE - come to school in PE kit.
Friday 4 th December	Reception Whole school - 'Feel Christmassy Friday'	Forest School Every week in December you can wear something a little bit 'Christmassy' - maybe a hat, a hairband, socks, tinsel.
Monday 7 th December		
Tuesday 8 th December	Whole school	PE - come to school in PE kit.
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception	Forest school
Thursday 10 th December	Whole school	PE - come to school in PE kit.
Friday 11 th December	Reception Whole school	Forest school 'Feel Christmassy Friday'



*Please contact school 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 – thank you.*

*If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested or
isolate for the government recommended period.*

*We thank you for your support in this unusual situation and hope you appreciate
that as a school we cannot take any unnecessary risks.*



***Updates to COVID restrictions as from Wednesday 2nd December
Please note that we will become part of 'Tier 3 VERY HIGH restrictions' this week
and need to be sure to follow the guidance to help keep us all safe.
We've done a super job so far and school has been able to operate fully – let's
keep it that way.***

Northumberland guidance can be found at the link below:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Latest-information-and-advice-on-Coronavirus.aspx



***Christmas Lunch : Thursday 10th December
We will add Christmas lunch as a 'special stand alone' payment on our
Parentpay account – if you're in Class 2 please select and pay for this
before the end of the week so we can make preparations in the canteen
and classrooms. Thank you.***

***Our milk order needs to be confirmed by next week – if you would like
your child to have milk next term please visit your Parentpay account
and select the payment option. Thank you.***



'Feel Christmassy Friday'

Don't forget that this week we can all wear something with a Christmas theme – it might be a whole outfit or maybe just some socks or a hat (in which case it's normal school uniform)
We look forward to seeing everyone looking a little bit festive!

What are we doing this week?

Reception Topic - Into the Dark **Book of the week**- Emily Brown Meets Father Christmas

Personal and Social Development - *Children play cooperatively, taking turns with others.* Children will work on a variety of Christmas activities, encouraging taking turns and sharing fairly.

Communication and Language - *Responds to instructions involving a two-part sequence.* Children will listen carefully to the instructions on how to make Christmas decorations.

Physical Development - *Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.* Children will use tools to cut etc. to make Christmas decorations and wrap presents in Santa's workshop.

Literacy - *Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them.* Children will write letters to Father Christmas and take part in Christmas phonics activities.

Mathematics- *In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in subtracting.* Children will help Father Christmas to work out how many presents he has left.

Understanding the World - *Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.* Children will continue to explore the properties of ice in the water tray. How can they help Father Christmas to rescue the bears trapped in the ice?

Expressive Arts and Design - *Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.* Children will make a variety of Christmas decorations, both indoors and in Forest Schools.

Class 1 : English- Our core book for this half term is 'Traction Man'. This week we will plan our sequel to the story Traction Man is Here.. We will then write the next adventure for Traction Man which will include the Scissors of the Destruction.

Maths- **Money**- We will continue our topic on Money. Year 1-will explore money in the classroom shop and will focus on recognising notes and counting in coins. Year 2- will focus on making the same amount of money using different coins, comparing money and finding the total price of items bought from the classroom shop.

Science- **Science experiment**- we will investigate which paper material would be best for Santa to wrap his presents in.

History- We will focus on the same toy, one old and one new and we will talk about how they are similar or different.

RE - We will talk about invisible presents and how we can give gifts of kindness, friendship and love as presents to our loved ones instead of a presents that goes under the Christmas tree.

PSED- Circle solutions focusing on friendships.

P.E- Gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

Music- We will continue to learn some new Christmas songs.

How to help at home- continue to read 3 times a week. Learn spellings and complete Maths homework which is on class dojo.

Class 2: English - This week we continue our work on Ug by thinking about his passion for inventing and whether we agree that he should pursue this. We will look at inventions that have changed our lives such as the invention of the wheel. We will give Ug advice on his inventions also.

Maths - Our multiplication and division work continues this week with more focus on times tables. Year 3 will be working on their 4 and 8 times tables mostly, whilst Year 4 will focus on their 6, 7 and 9 times table and division facts.

Science - We will continue our work on circuits by looking at switches and how to ensure that we can maintain a complete circuit.

Topic - This week we will look at Stonehenge and how this might have been built.

Art - We will be continuing our autumn collage by painting leaves to add to our collage.

French - We will begin to learn colours in French this week.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

RE - We will continue our Christianity topic this week by learning about special festivals.

Helping at Home - Our spellings this week are more -ous words, Spelling Frame is a good way to practice your spellings. Please continue to read at home at least 3 times per week and bring reading records in on a Friday to get a golden ticket.



Thank you for all the lovely Christmas decorations sent into school – it's been like Santa's workshop here today with everyone busy making extra things for our classrooms.



Dates for your diary:

Our school post box will be out Fridays , beginning 4th December , cards will sit in quarantine and be despatched on the following Monday.

Thursday 10th December - Christmas lunch.

Friday 11th December - Remotely Christmas. Online activities for schools throughout Northumberland.

Tuesday 15th December - Santa Run, outdoor PE kit needed(with some spare socks!)

Thursday 17th December - Christmas bubble parties(school will provide all food)

Friday 18th December – school closes (normal time)