



Cotherstone Primary School

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Little Visitors

Please be aware that head lice have been spotted in school.

Air Ambulance

Thank you to the Friends of Cotherstone School for organising this morning's collection and to everyone who donated.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We have recently received a number of nice 'thank you' letters which we need to share with you as it was through your generosity that we were able to make such generous contributions to these worthy causes.

A letter from the Disasters Emergency Committee on behalf of everyone affected by the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami states that because of our generosity they are able to continue to respond to the growing needs of those affected by the disaster.

County Durham Foodbank appreciate the 37.25kg of food donations we sent them, which meant they were able to provide 47 meals to people in need.

Lastly, our donation of £272.70 sent to Sport Relief means that people in the UK and across the world can lead happier, healthier lives.

Votes For Schools

As part of our PHSCE curriculum we will be using the Votes for School resources. This is a weekly current affairs voting platform designed to engage children in political and social issues. Through weekly debat-

ing and voting, not only are children learning about the world around them, they are becoming prepared for participating in the democratic processes. Votes for Schools provide the resources linked to that week's discussion topic, although there may be times when our teachers decide to use information from a previous week as it may be more relevant to our curriculum focus. Please see the attached leaflet.

Swimming

Monday's visit to the Sports Centre will be the final one for this term.

Pantomime

Thank you to those parents who have sent in their £5 donation towards the cost of the trip to the pantomime at the Georgian Theatre in Richmond on 19th December. It's not too late to donate if you haven't already done so.

Locomotion Trip Bethy & Will

On 22nd November, we went to the train museum in Shildon and we got to see a steam train called the Green Arrow. Its top speed is 80mph on the flat but steam trains had to be stopped because they were the cause of lots of accidents in tunnels.

After we saw the Green Arrow we moved on to making miniature electric cars which we enjoyed racing the across the floor. We also made electric circuits with bulbs, buzzers, motors, wires and batteries. We also took part in a trail walk in the museum. There were images of

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

30th Nov - FOCS Christmas Fayre

7th Dec - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

12th Dec - FOCS Village carol singing

13th Dec - Cantata @ Methodist Chapel 6pm

19th Dec - Whole school pantomime

20th Dec - Christingle @ St Cuthberts Church

20th Dec - Christmas lunch

21st Dec - School closes

8th Jan - School re-opens

Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids!

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

different parts of trains and we had to go and find them.

We all had an interesting time at Locomotion.

Christmas is coming!

It may seem early, but it's creeping round and it would be helpful to know which children will be able to attend the evening cantata on 13th December. The children in Classes 2 and 3 will be performing carols and readings and children in Class 1 will perform the nativity story. In order that we can allocate parts in the performance, we need to know which children will be attending. The cantata begins at 6pm and will take approximately 45 minutes. The friends of the Methodist Guild usually provide refreshments following the performance. Please complete the attached slip and return it asap.

Christmas Lunch

Parents and carers are invited to join their child for the school Christmas lunch on 20th December.

The menu is as follows, and will cost £2.50 per adult.

Traditional Roast Turkey with all
the trimmings
or
Vegetable Casserole in a Yorkshire Pudding
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Christmas Muffin
or
Christmas Chocolate Gateau

Please let Alison know, either by email or phone call, your choice (by Friday 7th December) and send payment in preferably before the event.

Staff Offsite

Mon - Dr Jellis
Tue - Dr Jellis
Fri - Dr Jellis

Homework

Class 1 - Please see your homework book. Please take a photo of where you have placed your windsock at home and send it in

Class 2 - Maths: Angles. Literacy: Spellings. To be issued on Monday

Class 3 - Numeracy: Short division. Literacy: Instructions & spellings

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

We hope you will come along to support our Christmas Fayre next Friday, from 4pm in school, where we will be serving hot pork rolls for dinner, lots of craft activities for the children, some sweet treats to take away, as well as some home made gifts.

This will be followed directly by the annual light switch on at East Green with a festive glass of mulled wine when we will be joined by Euphoria Choir.

We also have some amazing raffle prizes including:

STAR PRIZE: a weekend stay at a country cottage, with hot tub included

- Afternoon tea for two at Eggleston Hall & Gardens
- £25 voucher for The Three Tuns, Eggleston
- A voucher for the Fox and Hounds, Cotherstone
- And many more...

With the lead up to Christmas, don't forget that you can continue to help FOCS raise funds for free whenever you shop online by signing up to easyfundraising. It doesn't cost any extra and you'll be helping to make a real difference with every purchase you make. This includes retailers such as John Lewis, Argos, Sainsbury's, eBay and Amazon to name just a few. To find out more, visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3J4H8S>

We have been informed that we are to receive the sum of £1389.86 from the Co-op Membership Scheme. So a huge thank you to all who supported; and especially to Miss. Lee who instigated the fundraiser!!!