



# Cotherstone Primary School



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## Season's Greetings

As this is the final school newsletter of the term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2016.

## Alice in Wonderland

Following a run through today we can confirm the start times as 1:30pm in the afternoon and 6pm in the evening. Children will need to return to school for 5:45pm in readiness for the evening performance. Including the interval we expect the performance to last 1½ hours.

## Cantata

The Cantata performance by children in KS2 at the Methodist Church will take place on Wednesday 16th at 6:30pm. Children need to arrive for 6:20pm but please not before 6:15pm as staff may not have arrived. Children need to wear full school uniform. Following the performance, the Methodist Guild members usually provide some light refreshments. The children will be practising the Cantata on the Wednesday morning at the church. The church is often rather chilly first thing so we suggest the children have a jumper and coat. The performance usually lasts for approximately one hour.

## Christmas Lunch

For those who are coming along to join the children for Christmas



lunch, please come to school for 12:15pm.

## Christmas Cards

Year 6 pupils are busy designing a special Christmas post box. If children wish to send Christmas cards to each other please put cards inside the box rather than give them out individually as this avoids a number of problems. The cards will be given out later in the day. Please can they ensure that the Class number is written on the envelope as well as the name. Thank you.

## Christmas Party

Please see the attached flyer about this year's party. (Please note that we ask for sliced bread and sandwich fillers as the Year 6 children make the sandwiches on the morning of the party). Children may bring their 'party clothes' to change into after lunch. They will be playing games which involve running around so footwear needs to be suitable for such an activity.

## Christingle Making

The children will be making the Christingles on Thursday morning with Mary Shepherd from the church. If anyone is able to come along and help, Mary would very grateful. She is due to start at 9:30am.

## Christingle Service

It would be nice if you could come and join us at St Cuthbert's



## Dates for your diary

**Dates in bold are new additions from the last**

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**9th Dec - Play Performances at 1:30pm and 6pm**

10th Dec - Swimming Gala

11th - Christingle Service @ St Cuthbert's

11th Dec - Christmas Lunch

15th Dec - Christmas Party

16th Dec - Cantata @ Methodist Chapel 6:30pm

17th Dec - School closes for Christmas Break

5th Jan - School re-opens

**Please note that there will be no more Friday football sessions, with Mick, until January.**

*Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids! Contact Claire on 0751 2917262*



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church on Friday 11th at 2pm for this year's Christingle Service. Children can be collected from school following the service.

### **Swimming Gala**

The following children will be taking part in the Swimming Gala at Teesdale Sports centre next Thursday afternoon. They will need their usual swimming kit and I suggest two towels. One to wrap around themselves when not swimming and the other to dry themselves when getting changed at the end. Those attending are Amelia, Edward, Jasmine, Robert, Lydia, James, Alice, William, Charlotte, Ben, Amy, Marney, Matthew L, Daniel, Robyn and Matthew H. The children will be having an early lunch and should return in time for the end of school.

### **Reading Meeting Information**

Thank you to those people who braved the weather yesterday evening to attend our meeting on reading, led by Mr Batchelor. We have put a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the school website along with a prompt sheet of discussion points when reading with your child. These can be found in the 'About our School' section, under the 'School Curriculum' bullet point.

### **Safeguarding and Prevent Policies**

These two policies have been added to the school website. The Safeguarding policy explains the procedures the school follows in order to keep children safe and the Prevent policy outlines the specific procedure linked to radicalisation of children.

### **Change of Name**

Please note that when we return to school in the new year Mrs Mutton would like to be referred to as Miss Robbins.

Please also note that Mrs Davis, who works in Class 3, has changed her name to Miss Teward.

### **Next Term at the Sports Centre**

Thinking ahead: in the new year, our weekly Monday visits to the Sports Centre start on Monday 11th January. Those pupils who have been swimming with Tracy this term will continue swimming. Those who were swimming with the teacher, Nathan, will be using the dry side facilities. Class 1 will remain in school.

### **Staff Offsite**

Thurs am - Dr Jellis

### **Homework**

Class 1 - Reception: Library book

Years 1 & 2: None this week due to play performance.

Class 2 - Spellings & project

Class 3 - Spellings & learn your lines for the play

## **News from The Friends of Cotherstone School**

At a FOCS meeting earlier in the year we discussed fundraising and decided that we need to make more effort to raise funds that does not constantly require parents to dig into their pockets to support it. To this end we have a slot for bag packing at Morrisons on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th January. We can have a maximum of 5 children at a time. We will need an adult to be present but aside from that it would not be necessary for parents to stay (except with younger children). This is also a valuable opportunity for the children to contribute to fundraising to enhance their school lives. We would be grateful for offers of help, from both children and adults (as the responsible adult duty will need to be shared) to do either an hour or hour and a half. Please contact Jennie or Jill if you are able to help. Thank you.

### **Thank you - Christmas Fayre**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who either sent in raffle prizes, bought 100 square numbers, helped out at the fayre or actually attended the Christmas fayre. Your support was fantastic and it would not have been as successful without you. Lots of people attended and we had old and new parents and family attending alongside many of the people in the village. It was a super evening on such a wet and windy night! We managed to raise £521.74 which is a great figure for the size of our school!

### **School Christmas Play**

Please could we ask for one final favour and that is to send in donations of mince pies or jam tarts to be served at the intervals of the play alongside mulled wine.

*On behalf of all of the members of the FOCS we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*