



# Cotherstone Primary School



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## Christmas Lunch

Thanks to everybody who came to our Christmas lunch today and helped to make it such a success. We would like to thank Barbara, Lynn, Wendy, Mary, Kelly and Paul for their hard work.

## Bug Busting Friday

Please continue to bust those bugs each Friday!

## Class 2 Teacher

We are seeking to appoint a key stage two class teacher for a mixed age class maternity cover commencing April 2020.

The successful applicant will have high expectations and be committed to providing a welcoming, stimulating learning experience for all the children.

Please email the school secretary at [cotherstone@durhamlearning.net](mailto:cotherstone@durhamlearning.net) or phone 01833 650491 for an application pack if you are interested in this role.

## After School Club Staff

We are seeking to recruit staff to run afterschool clubs which would involve an activity club followed by after school care as necessary. If you feel you can offer a service, please contact Mrs Matthewman at the school to discuss options. We are hoping to offer activity clubs on a half-termly basis with flexible childcare so if you are able to provide something, even if it is not on a full-time basis, please get in

touch.

The school and the Governing Body is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to demonstrate this commitment in every aspect of their work.

Successful applicants will be subject to the necessary DBS checks.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

## Locomotion Museum Report

### By Bethy & Archie

On 6th December 2019, Class 3 and Bowes Hutchinson's School went to the Locomotion Museum at Shildon, which was full of trains. The reason we went was to learn about bridges. First, we learnt about keystone bridges then about suspension bridges. After lunch we took a tour around all the trains and model railways and Archie answered everyone's questions about trains because he's an expert!

Overall, we enjoyed Locomotion a lot and we would love to go again.

## Recorder Performance Report

### By Class 2

On Monday, Class 2 went to Teesdale School to practice for our evening recorder performance. Throughout the afternoon, we practiced singing songs and playing music with Montalbo School. We had our tea there and then on the night our parents and family came

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

### Newsletter

16th Dec - FOCS Carolling around the village

18th Dec - FOCS Carolling around the village

19th Dec - Christingle Service @ St Cuthbert's 2pm

20th Dec - School closes for Christmas break

7th Jan - School re-opens

Thank you for your support. Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Primary School Team



to watch us!

Isabella said, "The improvisation part was my favourite because I had to play a solo part!"

Chloe added, "I really liked wearing the reindeer antlers for the performance!"

Sennen, "I liked playing the Scooby Doo song!" and Indi commented, "'Jake the Snake' was my favourite song to sing!"

### **Cantata Report**

**By Evie & Chad**

On Tuesday 10th December 2019, we went to the Methodist Chapel to sing some religious songs and recite readings as part of this year's Cantata performance.

Alesha welcomed everyone to the event and then we all sang 'The Calypso Carol.' After that we told the Nativity Story and sang 'Away in a Manger' as the parents watched. Sammy played his flute and Merry played the violin with Isabella who played 'Silent Night' with the cello. James also played 'Last Christmas' on his guitar. Chad and James delivered a reading and we closed the event with 'Starry Night'. We would like to thank everyone who came along to watch.

### **Class 1 Nativity**

Our Christmas play was called 'Tiptoe Nativity'. I was scared a little before the performance and then I loved it," said Charlie.



"Everyone in Class 1 got a part and had to say something. I thought it was excellent," said Henry.

"It was all about Mary and Joseph getting married and having baby Jesus. I really loved it. I was Joseph," said Jon.

We were all very proud of the children in Class 1 performing the Christmas play. Beautiful singing and acting throughout. Very well done! Miss Lee.

### **Class 1 Request**

If you have any kitchen roll tubes, corks or pine cones, please could you send them in for Monday morning crafts. Thank you.

### **Homework**

Class 1 - See homework book

Class 2 - Spellings & draw a festive scene

Class 3 - Spellings & draw a festive scene

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

Thank you to all who supported yesterday. FOCS raised £48.

Also, don't forget 'Carolling around the Village' on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm from outside school. Refreshments to be provided at the end (approx. 1.5hr).