



# Cotherstone Primary School



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## Yr 1 and 2 Hockey Festival at Alun Armstrong Centre

by Isabella and Owen

When we got there it was very cold. We didn't take our coats and hats off. We played four matches and had one break. We won two matches and lost two matches. The last match Owen scored two goals and Isabella scored three! At the end we went back to school on the bus.

## KS2 Visit to Locomotion

By Callum and Will

Yesterday, Classes 2 & 3 went to Locomotion in Shildon. First, we put our coats and bags away. Then our tour guides - Tom and Darren - showed us round an old steam train and how it works. It was interesting to find the difference between a steam train and a modern electric train. Our tour guides showed us one of the first steam trains and it was built by a local man called Timothy Hackworth. Unfortunately, the train didn't work but Timothy was a local hero but he still gets called the 'What if' man. After looking at the trains we learnt about circuits and built our own mini, electric, racing cars. Once we had had lunch, we went to see Tim Peake's Soyuz rocket return capsule and it was interesting because it had so many buttons but it was really small. We met a man who told us about the International Space Station and what Tim Peake did in space. He told us about

how the return capsule came back and how it was designed. When it landed, after it had been travelling at 27,000km per hour, three small parachutes deployed followed by a larger one which was the size of 2 tennis courts. One metre from the ground, 6 rockets fired to slow it down to 5km per hour before landing.

Everyone has learned a lot about trains and Tim Peake's time in the International Space Station.

## Christmas Party

On Monday afternoon we are going to have a Christmas party where children will be playing a variety of games and have a small snack. Children may bring a change of clothes for the afternoon.

## KS2 Recorder Concert

The concert will take place at Teesdale School this Tuesday. The concert itself will start at 5pm and should be finished by 6.30pm. Refreshments, kindly provided by Teesdale School, will be available before the concert. Entry is free and there will be a retiring collection.

There will be an afternoon rehearsal on the day of the concert for the recorder, flute and clarinet players. This will take place on Tuesday, starting at 1pm at Teesdale School. Children will go to this

## Dates for your diary

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

### Newsletter

19th Dec - KS2 Recorder/ flute performance @ Teesdale School

19th Dec - Reception 'Catch-up' session 3:30pm

20th Dec - Holly & Ivy @ The Witham

21st Dec - Christingle @ St Cuthbert's

21st Dec - School closes

24th Dec - Crib Service at St Romald's Church, Romal Kirk 5pm

8th Jan - School re-opens

10th Jan - FOCS AGM 3:20pm

**15th Jan - KS2 Sports Centre. Class 2 swimming**



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rehearsal from school and will be accompanied by one of their teachers. Children will need to bring a simple picnic tea and a drink and time will be set aside for them to eat tea between the rehearsal and the concert. Parents will be responsible for collecting children after the concert.

Children will need to wear their school uniform, in particular the polo shirts and jumper/cardigan.

### **Flute Lessons**

As previously mentioned, we will have spaces in January for new flute players for children in Key Stage 2. If you are interested in your child learning the flute please complete and return the attached leaflet on Monday. You will then be issued with some guidance notes, including a pink form which will need to be completed and returned by Thursday, the last day of term, in order for lessons to commence as soon as possible.

### **Holly and Ivy Visit**

On Wednesday afternoon, all the children will be going to the Witham Hall to take part in the Holly and Ivy activity afternoon. The children will be leaving following an early lunch and return in time for the end of the school day.

### **Christingle Service**

The service will start at 2pm at St Cuthbert's church. The children may be collected from school after the service.

### **Sports Centre**

Next term children in Class 2 will be swimming and children in Class 3 will be using the dry side facilities. Our first session will be on Monday 15th January.

### **Staff Offsite**

Wed 20th - pm Dr Jellis

Thurs 21st - Mr Batchelor

### **Homework**

None

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

We raised £133.35 at the carol singing last night. We will be carol singing again on Tuesday night and it would be lovely to have some of the school community join us. We will be meeting at 6pm on the school corner. There will be mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

The Prosecco and Pamper Night was a great success, we all had a very relaxing evening and raised £80. Thanks to Emma and Chris for letting us use their lovely pool house.