



Cotherstone Primary School



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Number 11
8th Dec '17

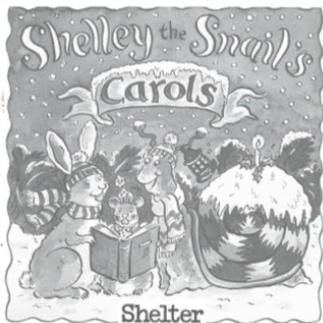
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Season's Greetings

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 2018.

Carols round the Christmas Tree



If anyone inadvertently took the carol book (pictured above) home after the event on Friday evening, please send it into school next week so that we can replenish our stock. Thank you.

Swimming

On Monday, as well as their normal swimming gear, the children will need a pair of tight-fitting pyjamas to practise their life-saving skills.

Autumn Term Progress Reports

For children from year 1 to 6 their Autumn progress report is attached. If there is anything you would like to speak to their teacher about please do get in touch.

Yr 1 and 2 Hockey Festival

Year 1 and 2 children will be going to the Alun Armstrong Centre at Shildon on Monday 11th December



to take part in a hockey tournament.

We will be having an early lunch in order to be ready for a 12:30pm start. We plan to return in time for the end of the school day. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and trainers or plimsolls must be worn.

Cantata

The Cantata on Wednesday is expected to begin at 1:45pm and should last for approximately one hour. In the past, the Methodist Guild have provided the children with refreshments afterwards so if you are attending the Cantata you can collect your child from the chapel after refreshments. The remaining children will be brought back to school in time for the end of the school day.

KS2 Visit to Locomotion

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children will need a packed lunch and drink for our trip to the Locomotion Museum on Thursday.

Christmas Lunch

For those who are able to join us for Christmas Lunch next Friday, we will begin serving just after 12pm. Children can wear their Christmas jumper for this day if they wish.



Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

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11th Dec - Years 1 & 2 to hockey festival

13th Dec pm - Cantata 1:45pm

14th Dec - KS2 to Locomotion Museum - PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

15th Dec - Christmas Lunch

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



KS2 Recorder Performance

A letter will be sent out next week with the final details of this event.

Cool Kids

We have had a fantastic term full of activities for the children. We have played multi-sports, had a Wii tournament, made Christmas trees out of washing powder, tried our hand at curling and watched some great films! Next term will be just as fun.

Whilst we aim to be extremely flexible at Cool Kids it is a huge help if you are able to book your child in before the end of the school day, to enable us to ensure we have plenty of materials for our activities and snacks.

Staff Offsite

None expected

Homework

Class 1 - Years 1 & 2 - Please see homework book

Class 2 - See your homework book & spellings

Class 3 - Onomatopoeias and multiplication

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas tree light switch on. What a special evening listening to the choir, drinking mulled wine and watching the children playing in the snow. A big thank you to all those involved, and we also managed to raise a massive £160 for FOCS.

As Christmas approaches it's that time where we sort through the old and make way for the new. We would like to start a board games hire in school. Please could we ask for donations of any unwanted board games, puzzles etc. We would like to set it up so children can pick a game on a Friday to borrow for the weekend with a small hire charge, to return the (complete!) game on the Monday.

We are also thinking ahead to a proposed summer fair where we hope to hold a stall with pre-loved, pre-used toys etc. If you are making room for new toys from Santa, please could we ask you to keep any unwanted toys and hold on to them for our summer fair where we will be asking for donations for our pre-loved toy stall.

The Children have all had a chance at designing a new logo for Friends of Cotherstone School. School Council narrowed down the choices and the committee members of FOCS, along with the Chair of Governors had a very tough decision to narrow it down to one choice. After much deliberation, we managed to choose one winner and our new logo was designed by Elsa Finn, Class 2. Well done Elsa! Thank you to all the children for their amazing designs!

Kindest Regards

Tracy Williams

Chair of Friends of Cotherstone School

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