



Cotherstone Primary School

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Industrial Action

The school has received notification from Unison and ATL that their members have voted in favour of strike action on 2 consecutive days, the 8th and 9th of November 2016. This is an on going dispute related to a change in their pay and conditions. On these particular dates school will be open as normal.

Mrs Sabey

From the 11th November onwards, Mrs Sabey will be absent from school for a few weeks. During her absence Mrs Jeanette Morris will be providing office cover. Mrs Morris will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, 9am to 11:30am. If you need to contact school outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answerphone or email the address above.

Christmas Activities

Our arrangements for our Christmas activities this year are as follows:

7th December pm - Due to arrangements later on in the school year the Christmas play this year will be performed by Classes 1 and 2. Class 3 will be doing a performance in the summer term. There will be one performance in the afternoon.

13th December pm - Barring a £5.00 donation per child, the FOCS would like to pay for the children to

go the theatre at Richmond to see the pantomime performance of Snow White. This will be an afternoon activity and will result in a late arrival back at school. This will replace the Christmas party.

14th December pm - Cantata performance at the Methodist Church. Unlike previous years this will be in the afternoon and will involve all the children.

16th December pm - Christingle Service. This will take place on the afternoon of the last day of term at St. Cuthbert's Church.

Christmas Lunch - We are hoping that Taylor Shaw will once again be able to provide Christmas lunch which will be open to parents. As soon as we are aware of the date we will inform you via the newsletter.

Earrings in PE

A reminder as per our policy that, for health and safety reasons, earrings should be removed for all PE activities. We request that children who are going to have their ears pierced do so, ideally, during the summer holidays which gives time for the six week healing process. If this cannot be avoided then we request that children are provided with plasters in order that their earrings are covered. After this six week period, for their own safety and for the safety of other children, we really do need the children to remove their earrings for PE. We cannot ac-

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

**11th Nov - Celebration
Assembly 2:45pm**

**17th Nov - Yrs 1, 2 and 3
Flu Vaccination**

**25th Nov - Celebration
Assembly 2:45pm**

**7th Dec pm - Class 1 and
2 play performance**

**9th Dec - Celebration As-
sembly 2:45pm**

**13th Dec pm - Richmond
Theatre - Snow White**

**14th Dec pm - Cantata,
Methodist Church**

**16th Dec pm - Christingle
Service**

16th Dec - School Closes

4th Jan - School re-opens

Swimming

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children will be swimming for the remainder of this half term.

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

cept responsibility for the loss of any jewellery so children will be asked to place their earrings in a place of their choosing or alternatively on the days when PE activities are planned they do not wear their earrings.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Infection

We have been informed of a confirmed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth which could impact the children in school. This is not the same as Foot and Mouth that affects animals. Hand, Foot and Mouth disease is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet and can result in a child feeling unwell with a high temperature. Although infectious, the advice from the Health Protection Agency is that children do not need to be absent from school, however, obviously if they are feeling unwell it would be best if they stayed away. Should we have a large number of children infected we will contact the Health Prevention Unit which may result in alternative advice.

Beamish Trip

By Harriet & Billy

On the 14th October, Class 3 went to Beamish. First, we went on the tram to the Victorian town where we saw the bank. There was a little room where the manager sat and booths where you got the money. It was decorated with lots of paintings. Then, we went to the bakery. We saw how they made the bread and noticed that Joseph Lingford used to live at the Limes opposite the school. Next, we went to the chemist and because not many people could read in Victorian times they put ridges on poisonous bottles. After that, we went to the dentist and you wouldn't have had a nice time!

Lunch Money

If you wish to pay in advance for this half term's lunches please send in a cheque made payable to Durham County Council for £70.

Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

Parents of children in years 1, 2 and 3 will have received information and a consent form regarding this year's flu vaccination earlier this

week. Please return forms by Wednesday 9th November.

Spring Bulbs

Class 1 would welcome donations of spring bulbs for a forthcoming activity.

Staff Offsite

10th Nov pm - Dr Jellis

Homework

No homework

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Thank you to everybody that contributed to the recent bake sale. We raised £106 which will go towards the pantomime trip.

Supporting the school through easyfundraising

Thanks to everyone who has so far helped us raise a fantastic £495.55 for the school by using the easyfundraising website to shop online.

This is an ongoing fundraiser - and very easy for everyone to take part - so please join the group and raise money for the school. It does not cost you anything and is very little effort.

If you ever do any online shopping you can help us raise money. Sign up to easyfundraising at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcotherstoneschool/>

When you shop online, go onto the shop's website through the easyfundraising page. Websites such as Amazon, Next and Marks and Spencer are among the thousands of retailers who will donate through easyfundraising. There are also business suppliers such as Staples and Screwfix - if you own or work for a company which purchases from these suppliers then they can sign up to easyfundraising too.

It would be great to have lots more easyfundraisers in the run up to Christmas. If you know other online shoppers who would be interested in supporting the school through easyfundraising please pass