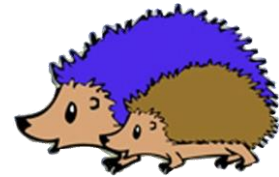


PITTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

It certainly has been a busy term and Christmas is fast approaching! Only 17 school days left of the term and only 27 days to Christmas Day!

Pittington Lumiere



We would like to say thank you very much for your support towards our Lumiere event. It was so lovely to see so many of you, although there was only a certain amount I could see from the kitchen! We certainly had better weather than Durham Lumiere.

We would particularly like to thank those of you who came to say thank you and those of you who took the trouble to email and write letters of thanks. We really appreciated it. Thank you also to the group of parents/carers who brought in the treats for the staff to say thank you...that was a lovely touch. Thank you all.

The money raised will go towards reading books for the library. Thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support towards Children in Need. Our non-uniform day raised £195.07 which has been sent to Children in Need on behalf of our school.



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Christmas Fair

On Sunday 1st December we will holding our Christmas Fair. Each class will have a stall with creations designed and made for you by the children.

Bear Park and Esh Brass Band will be attending to serenade you with Christmas songs. Once again I will be in the kitchen serving tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches.

We hope to see you there.

Christmas Nativities

The children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are busying preparing their nativity plays for you. The dates are included on the Diary Dates sheet that was circulated in July. It is also available on the school website.



I have arranged for Belmont Community School to video each performance, These will then be available for parents/carers to purchase from school if you wish.

Punctuality

I have been become increasingly concerned over the number of children who are signing in late each morning. We have had as many as 12 children late for school on some days. A variety of reasons have been given by parents/carers and some of these relate to children being un-cooperative in the morning and some due to other unforeseen reasons.



A letter has gone out to parents/carers who are signing the Late Book regularly and I am really pleased to report that punctuality has improved significantly in recent weeks. Thank you for your co-operation with this. We will continue to monitor lateness as well as attendance throughout the year.

Mini Medics

Our children in Year 6 will be embarking on their Mini Medics training starting this week.



This is a First Aid course aimed at Year 6 children. They will explore how to deal with shock, choking, wounds and bleeding, asthma, resuscitation and how to put a casualty in the recovery position.

The course will be run by members of Durham Ambulance Service.

New Governor

We have welcomed a new governor onto the Governing Body: Mrs Sarah Kemp is a co-opted Governor and will be attending her fist meeting this week.

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Congratulations

Our kitchen staff, Tracy, Amanda and Judith, have recently undergone an unannounced Performance Assessment Audit carried out by a Local Authority Inspector. They achieved full marks....100%. We are delighted with their success....well done Tracy, Amanda and Judith.



Health Week

To support our personal, social and health curriculum across school, we will be organising a health week/s in school in January.

The children will have opportunities to take part in yoga, Zumba and will also be taking part in some cooking workshops where they will learn about health eating.

I am planning to offer an opportunity to take part in a cooking work shop for parents/carers. The provisional date for this is Thursday 30th January. So if you are interested in this then please keep your diary free!



School Disco

Our school disco for the children in reception and Year 1 to 6 has been arranged for Monday 10th February.



3pm - 4.15pm - Reception, Years 1 and 2
4.30pm - 6pm - Years 3,4,5 and 6.

More details will be circulated in the New Year.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. We would like the children to dress up as a character from a book to help us celebrate this day.



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And finally - please return your data collection sheet (sheet with contact numbers on, GP etc) to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Cathy Lee
Head Teacher

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