



**NORTH FERRIBY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2016**



A personal message from Mr Orr - This half term is always packed but packed with all the fabulous events that make up our annual build up to Christmas. This year seems to have been more condensed than ever, as here we are in the last week of term and it's only the second full week of December!

The festivities began with our traditional decorating of the Christmas tree with the EYFS children and their parents and has ended with our final round of carols at the Co-op store on the last lunchtime of the year. In between we have had the KS1 and KS2 performances, Christingle services, carol concerts, pantomime visits, charity days as well as a special invitation from Hymers College for our choir to sing at their charity concert.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their contributions this year. Everybody, without exception, has contributed their skills, flexibility, calmness and understanding to help to make these last few weeks probably the smoothest run-ups that we have ever experienced.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their wonderful support of all of the events that we have staged without exception. A particular thank you for your understanding regarding our changes to the KS2 performances which saw us reduce the number of evening performances. This certainly made a difference to the tiredness of the children. And thank you for your vigilance during our outbreak of the 'Winter Sickness Bug'. Keeping your children away from school when they may have seemed well but were still infectious made sure the problem did not escalate into something worse.

And thank you to all the children who have been fabulous throughout. Led by the high standards set by this year's Year 6, right from day one, and by this year's Year 2 who lead the way in KS1, your children have created an incredible atmosphere in the school. They have listened well, worked so hard and co-operated wonderfully, not just with the Christmassy things but in their other lessons too. We are very lucky to have them; we are proud to be supporting them and they are a credit to you all.

Have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all safely back in school in the New Year!

**Fundraising for
Children in Need**



Well done and thank you again to everyone involved in our fundraising for Children in Need this year, whether you helped with the organisation or in the giving or both!! The total money raised by school from non-uniform day was boosted by the exceptional efforts of individual pupils and staff who added their collections to ours to produce a grand total of **£577.49p**. We (and Pudsey) want to say an especially big thank you to everyone for their splendid efforts which resulted in a bigger total (for 3rd year in a row) than last year!

School Christmas Lunch

The catering staff at North Ferriby Primary School are a truly fabulous, hardworking team! On Monday 12 December they produced a delicious school Christmas lunch for 222 children and 25 members of staff.

A BIG thank you to them from all their satisfied customers and also an equally big thank you to all the other staff who helped to make the lunch so special, including the lunchtime supervisors and caretaking staff.

All your efforts are very much appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER

We Can Put Your Used Postage Stamps to Very Good Use:



Throughout the year we continue to collect used postage stamps which we send to the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. They then sell the stamps to a stamp dealer to help raise funds to pay for the training of rescue dogs to help deaf people.

So please help us if you can. Instead of throwing away all those stamps coming through your letterbox, especially now during the festive season, please save them and bring them to the school office whenever convenient.

Thank you.

WHAT A GREAT SURPRISE!!!

As a surprise thank you for having taken part in Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion since 2008 Sainsbury's have sent our school some marvellous, extra playtime equipment for the children to enjoy completely free.

So we in turn want to thank all the families that have collected Active Kids vouchers for school over the years. THANK YOU 😊

Bulb Alert!

You may have noticed an area of grass on our KS2 site, to the right of the driveway, that has been pegged out and taped off. Mrs Hutson and a group of willing children have planted a large number of purple crocuses on the plot to raise awareness of the **End Polio Now** campaign championed by **Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland**. Purple crocuses have been chosen because their colour matches the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunised. Please avoid treading on the area and then in early spring we should be treated to a wonderful display.



Successful Book Fair

Our Autumn book fair held in October was a great success and helped to raise **£389.00** (significantly more than the same time last year) which will be used to buy much needed new books for the school. Thank you to everyone who visited the fair.

REMINDER : School closes for Christmas on **Friday 16 December** and reopens on **Wednesday 4 January**.
Please note that pupils are not in school on **Tuesday 3 January** as this is a teachers' training day.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 January	Teachers' Training Day
Wednesday 4 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 17 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 27 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 6 April	School closes for Easter
Friday 7 April	Teachers' Training Day

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 25 April	School re-opens for pupil
Monday 1 May	May Day
Friday 26 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 5 June	School re-opens for pupils
Tuesday 25 July	School closes for summer

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 5 September	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 26 October	School closes for Half-term
Friday 27 October	Teachers' Training Day
Monday 6 November	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 22 December	School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 January	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 9 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 9 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 19 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 22 March	School closes for Easter
Friday 23 March	Teachers' Training Day

Summer Term 2018

Monday 9 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 7 May	May Day
Friday 25 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 4 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 20 July	School closes for summer

These dates are provisional and may be subject to change

Advance Notice of Dates

In the Spring Term 2017: full details to follow next term

13 February - Spring Parents' Evening (all classes)
 14 February - Spring Parents' Evening (all classes)
 17 February - School closes for half-term holiday
 27 February - School re-opens for pupils
 24 March - EYFS Father's Afternoon
 27 March - Class & Team Photographs
 6 April - Easter Service (All Saints' Church)
 6 April - School closes for Easter

DATES for SING & SERVICE and CLASS WORSHIP

12/01/17	Mr Rae	Sing & Service
19/01/17	Mr Sweeney	Sing & Service
26/01/17	Miss Wilkinson	Class Led Worship
01/02/17	Miss Gibbs	Class Led Worship
02/02/17	Mrs Canbay/Miss Marson	Sing & Service
09/02/17	Mrs Sharkey	Sing & Service
02/03/17	Mrs Beasley	Sing & Service
09/03/17	Mr Rae	Class Led Worship
16/03/17	Mr Sweeney	Sing & Service
23/03/17	Mrs Hill	Class Led Worship
30/03/17	Miss Gibbs	Sing & Service
06/04/17	Mrs Dunn (whole school community)	Easter Service at All Saints' Church



**We wish you all a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year**