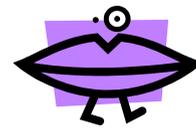




# Coxhoe Communicator



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Half term break!

Today I have been able to see the children in their new Castle Teams and once again I am so proud of all of our children. They are working together beautifully in mixed Year teams to develop team work skills and set up their new team's ethos for the rest of this year – they are all eager to earn as many points for their teams as possible and hopefully win the end of year prize.

They have responded so well to my first challenge to establishing their new Castle team – some have even created Team songs (Well done to Mrs Jefferson and Durham castle!), whilst others have been picturing themselves as Knights and Castles, including some very beautiful male princesses and handsome female knights.

We will report to you termly as to the total number of points earned by each team.

As always if I can be of assistance just pop in to see me or leave me a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Regards,  
Mr Jones

## Mini Police

The Mini Police are continuing to make us very proud. They have represented us at the Police Super Hero event during half term and received high praise from PC Johnson. Many of the Mini Police also attended the Christmas shopping evening organized by the PTA. They were a real asset to us in their support; PTA members and many stall holders commented on their exemplary attitude and behaviour.

## School Attendance

Our school attendance for September is as follows:

Class 1: 97.9%  
Class 2: 99.02%  
Class 3: 98.2%  
Class 4: 95.4%  
Class 5: 97.2%  
Class 6: 96%  
Class 7: 97.2%  
Class 8: 97.3%  
Class 9: 96%  
Class 10: 95.6%  
Class 11: 97.9%

Well done to Class 2 for their excellent attendance.

Thank you everyone for supporting our pupils in developing excellent attendance and recognising that – 'every day is a learning day.'

**Reminder – holidays** during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

## Christmas Shopping Evening

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a lovely festive evening. It was lovely to welcome so many of our Coxhoe family and friends into school and we were able to raise over £400 towards our pantomime trip in January.

Over the course of 4 weeks, Class 10 children visited Wellfield school to take part in some Design and Technology 'Taster Days.'

Pupils had the opportunity to make boats and mini-people in woodwork. In construction, they made chimney stacks and barbecues. Pictures are available on the website.

## Halloween Disco

Again our thanks go to the PTA for organising such a fun event for all of the children. The Disco was really popular – attended by over 200 children. They all had a 'Spooktacular' time with lots of dancing, singing and other activities. We were most impressed with their creativity in all of the costumes – it was very tricky to choose winners. Well done to everyone.

## **Choir**

Our school choir was launched this week and we are very excited about their plans. They have begun to rehearse a song to share in assembly and have already chosen their song to sing in Christmas events. The children were very enthusiastic and Mrs James was delighted with their first week. There are still places in choir and we would welcome new members – we are hoping for a huge choir to represent our school – inspired by the choirs that took to the stage in Britain's Got Talent.

## **Clubs**

Extra curricular activities continue to be very popular. We are beginning to plan the clubs to be offered next term. If you have any suggestions of activities or external providers to offer something new - then please speak to Mrs Bartle.

### **School Nurse Drop in Sessions**

The November drop-in session was very popular. We had positive feedback from both parents and the school nurse about the value of these sessions. Due to the popularity we have added another session this half-term. Linsey recommends that sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes and if she feels that she can offer further support – she will arrange a follow up home visit.

### **Book fair**

The book fair will be open for parents and children after school each evening from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 3.15 – 4.00pm. The children will also get the chance to visit the book fair to browse with their class during the first couple of days. Please support the book fair – books make wonderful Christmas gifts and each book purchased contributes to new books for our

### **Anti Bullying Week 2017: All Different All Equal & Children in Need**

We will be launching Anti-bullying week with Odd Socks Day! We encourage everybody at school to wear odd socks throughout the whole week and we will be having fun with this in lessons and in assembly. We will continue to work on this theme throughout the week – All Different All Equal – in class and in assembly. Please talk to your children to find out what they have been working on and reinforce our message – TELL IT – SHARE IT – STOP IT. To finish our week in style – we will celebrate Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This will include Non-uniform day and all spots welcome. We ask for a donation towards Children in Need. The School Council are planning other activities to raise funds and will send out messages on the App to keep you informed.

### **\*\*Change of date for Village Carol Service\*\***

**The Village Carol service led by our Key Stage 2 pupils will this year take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm.**

**All of our pupils in KS2 will take part and parents/carers are invited to come along to this lovely event – only 1 week before Christmas.**

Details of ticket availability for all Christmas activities will follow soon.

### **Cards**

Your child has designed a unique card and they have been produced professionally by Christmas Cards for Schools. Every child will receive a free sample card for you to keep. Packs of these beautiful cards, along with other lovely gifts such as coasters and mugs, can be ordered using the form included with the sample. Instructions for payment will be included. Every order will raise funds for our school and this will add to our growing fund for the new Key Stage 1 outdoor area.

### **Remembrance**

Poppies are on sale in school next week. Unfortunately – the very popular range of other products has not been brought into school. We are trying to arrange for some to be delivered and will send an App message if we are successful. The children will focus on Remembrance activities throughout next week. We will hold a 2 minute silence on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and also hold a sharing assembly the following week so that each class can share what they have achieved.