



The Times Newsletter

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'Where many hearts make a school.'

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INFORMATION:

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES - Each class will be performing their own Christmas Service, following the recent recommendations made by the Government and DCC Public Health Team. The children have all been learning their lines and rehearsing throughout this week in readiness to be recorded. All parents/carers will be sent a recording to view at home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - We will be collecting Christmas cards in our Christmas post-box this year. The post-box will visit each class every morning to collect Christmas cards and all cards will be distributed at the end of next week. Please ensure your child's cards are clearly marked with name and year/class.

FOMS RAFFLE TICKETS - The Friends of Middleton School have sent home two books of tickets per child for their Christmas Raffle for anyone who wishes to purchase (open to family and friends too). Please return the stubs and money (in the envelope provided), to the school main office by Wednesday 15th December. Donations of prizes can also be made by contacting one of the Friends or leaving at the school reception.

PANTOMIME - Sadly the school trip to the pantomime has been cancelled this year. However, the school has purchased an 'on-line' performance of "SLEEPING BEAUTY", featuring stars Coronation Street favourite PAULA LANE (Kylie Platt) and CBBC and Blue Peter Legend BARNEY HARWOOD, along with other sitcom stars. The panto will be streamed into classrooms and the children will have treats available courtesy of our FOMS.

CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES - These are being held in classrooms on separate days. Pupils are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on their 'party day'.

Tuesday 14th - EYFS Wednesday 15th - Years 1+2 Thursday 16th - Years 3+4 Friday 17th - Years 5 + 6

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CHRISTMAS SCHOOL DINNER and CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December. We will also be celebrating 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Wednesday 15th December and raising funds for 'Save the Children'. We would like to invite all the children and staff to wear their festive jumper and make a donation to this worthwhile cause. It will be fantastic to see all the festive clothing while they have their Christmas dinner.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



MULTI SKILLS FESTIVALS

This week, on Tuesday and Thursday, Reception Class and Larch Class attended Staindrop Academy to participate in a Multi Skills Festival. Even though they were the only school in attendance (due to the recent government guidelines), they all had a great time working on their team-building skills as well as their general physical health. We look forward to more Festivals and Competitions in the Spring Term.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate one of our Year 6 pupils, Elsie, on her recent success. Elsie entered a book review competition which was run by Barnard Castle Library and her entry has won the KS2 entry. Elsie wrote her review based on the book: The Darkest Hour by Erin Hunter (a children's fantasy novel) and she will be presented with her certificate and book voucher this coming Saturday. **Well done Elsie!**

THE WITHAM

We would like to wish George, Rook and Elsie the 'Best of Luck' as they take to the stage this weekend. They have been rehearsing, along with the rest of the cast, for these past few weeks ready for the stage show, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' - all tickets have now been sold! **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

THE VILLAGE BOOKSHOP DONATION

We would like to thank the Village Bookshop for their kind donation to Dawn-till-Dusk childcare. The donation will go towards buying story books for all the children to enjoy.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND NATIVITY

Come and join us at
The Pathway Methodist Church
on **Sunday 19th December**
between 3pm and 5pm

There will be Crafts, party food and a
Nativity

Suitable for primary aged children
For more information and to book a place
email Debbie Andrew
developmentworker.thepathway@gmail.com



P.E. DAYS - Autumn Term 2

Mon	Class 1 (Yrs 1/2)
Tues	Nursery
Wed	Reception (Yrs 5/6 swimming)
Thurs	Class 3 (Yrs 5/6)
Fri	Class 2 (Yrs 3/4)

~ ATTENDANCE - FORTNIGHTLY ~

Our school target for attendance is 96.6% and we ask parents to support us by ensuring your child is in school, because if they're in school they're learning.

This fortnight's attendance is: 95.3%

Reception	98.3%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	94.3%
Class 3	92.4%