

Tuesday 14th December 2021



A message from the Headteacher

We would like to thank all our families, who have continued to support school in endeavouring to keep our children safe, during another tricky term. After a spike in cases in year 5 a few weeks ago, I am pleased to report cases have fallen significantly and the measures we have in place appear to be working. Determined not to let Covid spoil Christmas, our children have continued to enjoy a number of festive events. Once again, Christmas crafts morning was a great success. Please visit our website or Class Dojo if you haven't seen the video yet.



One of the most magical moments was taking the entire school to the Exchange Theatre in North Shields to see the pantomime *Beauty and the Beast*. The children were so engaged and excitement reached fever pitch in the theatre! Having booked this visit over 2 years ago, it was great that it could finally go ahead.

On Friday, we started the Christmas party season with Reception. Please see a final reminder below of times and dates for all other year groups.

Today we launch our Christmas performances online. Please access via Class Dojo. I am always amazed and incredibly proud of our children's singing and this year is no exception. Reception and Key Stage 1 retell the story of the first nativity. Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoy singing a medley of Christmas Songs. Children in Years 5 and 6 perform their favourite carols in our legendary "Carols by Candle Light". Finally, on Thursday, we look forward to our Christmas "dressy up" day

when children can wear a Christmas jumper or just anything festive! It is also Christmas lunch for those who have a school meal.

Let's hope that next year you can all join us in school, once again, so that we can enjoy these events together.

Please note that school finishes on Friday afternoon, usual time. Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January, following the bank holiday and teacher training day.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Staffing updates

We would like to thank Mr Scriven for stepping in at short notice and teaching Year 3 this term. We welcome Mrs Marsden who will be taking his class for the remainder of the year, from January. We are also saying goodbye to Miss O'Brian who is moving on at the end of term. We wish her the best of luck for the future. Mrs Quarmby, an experienced Early Years Practitioner, will be joining the team in January.

Uniform

May we remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. In recent weeks, a small number of children have attended without a tie or black school shoes. We are incredibly proud of our uniform and our children say it is something that sets us apart from other schools. Please can you ensure the following:

Girls

- School blazer with embroidered school badge
- Grey skirt or grey tailored trousers (not fashion trousers)
- White shirt (buttoned shirt suitable for a tie)
- School tie
- Navy blue v-neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey/black/navy tights or socks
- Smart black hard wearing flat shoes (no trainers or flossies). If boots are to be worn to school in the winter, they need to be black and children must change into their smart black shoes when they arrive at school.

(Please note that there is no variation in the summer and gingham dresses and pinafores are not permitted. Children do not have to wear school jumpers in the summer but school blazers must always be worn to school without exception. They can be removed once in school if it is hot. Ankle socks can be worn.)

Boys

- School blazer with embroidered school badge
- Grey tailored trousers (not fashion trousers)
- White shirt (buttoned shirt suitable for a tie)
- School tie
- Navy blue V-neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey/black/navy socks
- Smart black hard wearing flat shoes (no trainers or flosses). If boots are to be worn to school in the winter, they need to be black and children must change into their smart black shoes when they arrive at school

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PE Uniform

- Indoor PE
- Plain white t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Plain socks
- Trainers or plimsoles Outdoor PE
- Plain navy blue, black or grey sweatshirt/hooded top/tracksuit
- Matching navy blue, black or grey jogging bottoms/tracksuit (Indoor shorts and t-shirt can be worn underneath if it's cold)
- Trainers

PE uniform is available from the school office or plain kit is acceptable.

Remaining diary dates

Date	Time	Event
14.12.21	All day	Christmas Performances released to parents online
14.12.21	PM	Year 3 Christmas Party (clothes to be brought in to school)
14.12.21	PM	Year 4 Christmas Party (clothes to be brought in to school)
15.12.21	AM	Christingle Service
15.12.21	PM	Year 5 Christmas Party (clothes to be brought in to school)
15.12.21	PM	Year 6 Christmas Party (clothes to be brought in to school)
16.12.21	All day	Christmas Jumper/ "Dressy up" Day
16.12.21	11.30-1pm	Christmas Lunch
17.12.21	3.15pm	Pupils break up for Christmas
05.01.22	8.45am	Pupils return to school



**Merry
Christmas**

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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