



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

93.5 %

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE: The weeks seem to be racing past and we are fast approaching Christmas. Please take note of our arrangements for the Christmas period with dates of important events, listed in the calendar below. We will not be hosting any audience-based events but we will continue to provide children with the opportunity to undertake many exciting and varied Christmas activities. The sounds of Christmas play songs have echoed through school this week, it has been so lovely to hear. We look forward to the Christmas trees arriving in school on Tuesday too!

The children will be taking part in a range of activities next week as we celebrate 'Inter-Faith Week'. We begin the week with 'Tiny Tasters' visiting school to work with the children to cook a Jewish feast! We will share photos via marvellous me and on the class pages on the website. This then follows with some fantastic afternoon activities linked to lots of different religions and cultures, raising awareness and important discussion with the children.

As part of our sports coaching initiative in school with NUFC, we have received 5 pairs of tickets (1 adult and 1 child) to the Newcastle United Football Match against Norwich City on Tuesday evening next week. Names will be randomly drawn from a hat on Monday morning so watch out, a lucky few will have a pair of tickets coming your way!

As the weather continues to become more wintry, please ensure that your child has a coat in school and that it is named. If you take a few minutes of time to name items of clothing, you stand a much better chance of being reunited with them should they become lost! Hat, scarf and gloves would also be great and we will encourage all children to keep wrapped up outside.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- **Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week:** Maisie Dickinson for trying so brilliantly to write her name this week
- **Reception:** Lucas Hope for amazing effort in drawing and writing this week
- **Class 2:** Isobel Palmer for being kind and caring and helping her friends to do up their coats when it was cold
- **Class 3:** Lennie Wilson for great improvement in writing, especially his story based on 'The Happy Prince'



SCHOOL UPDATES

**Christmas Toddler
Session
at
Whittonstall First School**

Whittonstall, Consett, DH8 9JN
Tel: 01207 560325

**Thursday 2nd December 2021
9am to 11am
All welcome**

On the community field, so wrap up warm!

**Help us make magical reindeer
food, a sleigh and much more...**

**Hot chocolate and snack round
the fire pitt.**

We ask for a £2 donation which will be used to provide
supplies for Forest School in the future.



Jack and the Beanstalk Panto: The magic of theatre is coming to town! On Wednesday 15th December M&M productions will be visiting Broomley First School to perform the panto of Jack and the Beanstalk. There will be a separate performance for each school, with the hall and toilets being cleaned in between shows.

The children will be transported by bus from Whittonstall to Broomley and return in time for lunchtime. Reception class to Year 4 will attend the panto, while Nursery will enjoy their own Christmas party back at Whittonstall (Mrs Drysdale will send a separate note home to Nursery parents) We are

asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.50 to cover the cost of bringing the production into school and an ice lolly for each child (all dietary requirements will be catered for) You may pay on parentmail PMX or send cash or cheque (payable to Tyne Community Learning Trust) in to school in a named envelope. We are very grateful that the cost of the bus is being funded from a grant made by the Parish Council, which helps us to keep the contribution from parents to a minimum. Please could you complete the google form [Jack and the Beanstalk permission](#) if you have a child in Reception, Class 2 or Class 3, to give permission for your child to take part.

PTA 12 Days of Christmas 'Buy a Square' Prize draw: Our wonderful PTA are again running their 12 days of Christmas prize draw. You pay £5 to buy a square and each day a number (or more than one depending on the final number of prizes to give out) will be drawn daily from December 1st through to December 12th. The list of prizes includes -

- £100 Voucher (Amazon) - Tarmac
- · Christmas wreath - Peony and Gold
- · Festive PotPourri wreath
- · Riverside Bakery Vouchers
- · Inner Harmony Voucher
- · Flashing Wooden Christmas Tree
- · Chocolate Hamper
- · Bottle Hamper
- · Children's Christmas Hamper
- · Festive Hamper
- · Pamper Hamper
- · Hair by Daniel John- cut and colour



A form was sent home in book bags this week. If you would like to take part please return the form along with payment in a named envelope. You may buy as many squares as you like and the first draw will take place next Wednesday 1st December. Good luck everyone!



Christmas Appeal for The People's Kitchen:

We have been thinking of how we can help others during the festive season. We have decided to support the 'Feed a Friend for a Fiver' appeal for the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. Each fiver donated makes it possible for someone in need to enjoy a warm 3 course meal this Christmas in a safe space, with friends who understand and care for each other. Receiving this friendship often gives people the strength needed to navigate tough times. We have set up a Just Giving page for donations, follow the link -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whittonstall-first-school3> You can make a donation of any amount on the page and together we can hopefully provide lots of hot meals for people who really need them. If you would like to know more about the work of The People's Kitchen, visit their website



Things to do:



The spirit of Christmas will soar through Bamburgh Castle with a spectacular festive event of the year.

Heralded as Saints & Angels, visitors to magical Bamburgh Castle will travel through beguiling staterooms, each transformed into a theatrical extravaganza, where angels take flight overhead, sending peace, strength and good fortune to all throughout the castle and beyond. Also meet Santa's herd of Norse reindeer grazing contentedly in the castle's West Ward. Taking in the views of the very

sea their ancestors once travelled over with the Vikings back in the 8th and 9th centuries, the reindeer will be resting their legs ahead of their biggest night of the year. Included with general admission.

Saints & Angels at Bamburgh Castle runs from 13 November – 3 January, daily from 10am – 4pm.

Entrance included with general admission tickets.



Wheelbirks Christmas Nativity: Wheelbirks Parlour will be holding their live nativity again this year, with proceeds going to charity. It will be held on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December with showings at 6.30 pm and 7.45 pm. Booking is essential as tickets cannot be purchased on the door. £12.95 adults £9.50 children. Have a look at their website for booking this and other Christmas events, such as the Christmas Train and Father Christmas' Grotto.

<http://www.wheelbirks.co.uk/what-s-on>



DIARY DATES

- w/c 29th November Interfaith week
- Thursday 2nd December Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 6th December Debbie Young Photography in school to take pictures of children in their Christmas play outfits
- Thursday 9th December Christmas Storytelling evening 5.00 - 6.30 pm, more details to follow
- Monday 13th December Christmas Performances - due to Covid restrictions, parents will not be able to attend but performances will be filmed and shared
- Wednesday 8th December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Wednesday 15th December M and M Production of Jack and the Beanstalk at Broomley (separate performances will be held for each school)
- Friday 17th December Class Christmas parties am - children invited to wear party clothes
- Friday 17th December Christingle Service pm
- Tuesday 4th January Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 5th January School Reopens for Spring Term

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher