

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018



Dates for your diary:

December	
Wednesday 5 th	Open The Book school worship led by Malcolm and helpers for school
Wednesday 12 th	Crystal Conundrum Day (Maths)
Thursday 13 th	School Christmas Dinner PTA Pantomime - The Snow Bear Parish Hall from 5:15
Friday 14 th	Whole School Carol Singing at Parish Hall Café (am) Time to be confirmed. All Welcome
Monday 17 th	Whole School Winter Walk followed by hot chocolate and gingerbread men
Tuesday 18 th	Nativity at St James Church 2:30pm & 5:30pm
Wed 19 th	Reception/Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Friday 21 st	School Breaks up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 8 th	School Reassembles

Children in Need Day



We raised a fantastic £197. Thank you for your donations and for the wonderful cakes brought in for the sale!

PTA Pantomime: THE SNOW BEAR Performance on Thursday 13th December in Riding Mill Parish Hall. Doors open 5:15, performance starts 5:30pm.

School Clubs

Please note that although Tony the Rugby Coach will not be in on Monday 3rd December, Ms Stephenson will take the class so Tag Rugby will now be on.

There will be no Big Think Club after school on Tuesday 4th December.

All other clubs will run through to week ending Friday 14th December and will not be on the last week of term.

Christmas Celebrations

Reverse Advert Calendar

This year we would like to create a reverse advent calendar. We would like to support a charity called Changing Lives. This national charity works with people who are in crisis or who need support to overcome serious challenges that can limit their opportunities. They help people to develop the skills and self-belief to move past prior experiences, change their story and achieve a better future - for themselves, their families and their communities. They are asking people to donate items such as toiletries, socks, gloves, diaries, and small toys for all age ranges. All donations should be new. It would be fantastic if we could create a Reverse Advent box that could be taken to the local branch for Christmas. I know it is a busy time for you all but a small donation would be gratefully received. Donations may be sent in from now until December 14th. The national website is at www.changing-lives.org.uk if you wish to know more about this charity. In advance - thank you.

St James Church

Candle lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Saturday 8th December 6:30pm

We are looking for 2 readers from Year 4 who could read alongside Jen Stephenson at this service. Anyone who is interested should contact the school office or see Jen.

Please also remember the **Christmas Eve Crib Service** at 4pm at St James Church.

Broomhaugh's Nativity



There will be two performances of our school Nativity on Tuesday 18th December. Both performances will be held in St James Church at 2:30pm and 5:30pm. Come along, all welcome!

Winter Weather Messages:

Gritting Plan

As the winter weather approaches please find attached a gritting plan so that you are aware of gritted paths whilst on our school premises.

Please see below Winter Weather Message to Parents so that you know what to do should weather worsen.

WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE TO PARENTS:



In snowy or inclement weather we suggest that you always assume school is open and that the decision for individual families to travel will be entirely up to them. In poor conditions, parents may want to delay setting out until road conditions improve and early morning traffic has cleared. However please inform the school if this is the case so that we know for morning registration.

If it is not possible to open the school Ms Stephenson will:

- Contact NCC who will post the closure on their website
- Contact Radio Newcastle (95.4FM) to inform them of the closure
- Update the school website Home Page with closure information

If snowy conditions persist through the day, we will take advantage of the weather and playtimes may offer an opportunity for sledging! Please send in appropriate clothing for the children so they can stay warm. Sledges may be left in the playground.

Bad weather during the day:

We will monitor the weather with the Met Office website so that any severe weather warnings or alerts can be responded to. We will inform parents of deteriorating weather conditions during the day via email as our emergency alert scheme. Any parent not on email will be contacted by telephone. We will also endeavour to place an alert on the school website.

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