

January
2017

Newsletter



Choppington Primary School
- a happy place to be -

Choppington Matters

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks for your support with the Christmas Coffee Afternoon which raised £333.72 and the Christmas Jumper Day which raised £89.50 for the 'Save the Children' charity.

We were overwhelmed by the amount of parents and carers who attended both the performances and Christingle service at Church. This was such a lovely end to the Autumn term. Many thanks for your support.

Online Safety

Please be aware that website called 'Roblox' and also 'Musically' are being used to contact children of Primary school age with a view to grooming. We would ask you to monitor carefully the sites that are accessed by your children on phones and pc's/ipads so thought you can advise them about online safety.

HEADLICE

Can we ask that you check your child's hair in the evening and treat the head if necessary. If headlice are not spotted till the morning and the child takes times off school, this would have to be an unauthorised absence.

NEW IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Starting on Friday 20th January the school library will be open to parents and children to borrow a book. If you would like to choose a book with your child, then please collect them from the classroom at 2.30pm. Mrs Blythe will be noting down which books are taken. If any parents have paperbacks that they have finished with, we would be very grateful for them, as we could then open up a lending facility to parents and carers too.

CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION

We were inundated with entries for a story about Christmas in your home. It was lovely to read stories that had been created with such a lot of effort. Many thanks for supporting your child to do this. Winners will be presented on Wednesday 18th January in assembly. As this was so successful Mrs Paisley our new English Co-ordinator will organise another competition at Easter.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance stands at 96.3% last year at the same time it was 98%. This figure is due largely to illness.

We would therefore ask you to remind children about handwashing before food (as we do at school) and not to come to school if they have been sick at home within 24 hours.

Dates for your Diary		
Date	Time	Event
19 th Jan 17	PM	Year 1 Multi-Activity Festival at Blyth Leisure Centre
26 th Jan 17	9-10am	EYFS Open Learning Morning - Chinese New Year
27 th Jan 17	12pm	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
27 th Jan 17	All Day	KS2 Storytelling Workshops
1 st Feb 17	3pm onwards	Parents Evening
2 nd Feb 17	TBC	Yr3/4 STEPS Gymnastic Competition at Blyth Leisure Centre
6 th Feb 17	2-3pm	Tweed Class Parent/Child Maths Games
7 th Feb 17	2-3pm	Wansbeck Class Parent/Child Maths Games
8 th Feb 17	2-3pm	Coquet Class Parent/Child Maths Games
9 th Feb 17	2-3pm	Reception Class Parent/Child Maths Games
13 th Feb 17	All Week	Year 6 Mock SATs week - important for Year 6 attendance
16 th Feb 17	PM	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Blyth Academy
17 th Feb 17	3.00pm	School Closes for the Half Term Holidays
27 th Feb 17	8.50am	School Opens
2 nd March 17	All Day	World Book Day
3 rd March 17	PM	Year 5 School Health talk about growing up
17 th March 17	9-10am	EYFS St Patrick's Open Learning Morning
24 th March 17	All Day	Red Nose Day
4 th April 17	9-10am	EYFS Easter Open Learning Morning
7 th April 17	3.00pm	School Closes for the Easter Holidays
24 th April 17	8.50am	School Opens for the Summer Term