



### Arrangements for the rest of term: Autumn 2019

Thank you to everyone who came to our Nativity play. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children were tremendous despite much illness, and covering other parts at short notice.

We are looking forward to receiving more boxes of Christmas crackers for Alnwick Foodbank Christmas boxes. They will be collected at the end of next week. Thank you to the parents who have already sent some in.

The end of the Christmas term is always very busy. We will try and give you as much information as possible about the arrangements until the end of term. If we have missed anything out, please ask.

If your child has had milk this term, it will be reordered for next. Please let Kathy know of any changes before we break up. The price will be confirmed in the New Year.

There is now a post box in school for Christmas Cards.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Timezone** are going to Newcastle to see the pantomime Cinderella. The children will return to school at approximately 4.30pm. They need very smart uniform and a coat. There will be an update on our Facebook page for their arrival time. Don't forget, children who bring a packed lunch to school will need a bottle of water and a snack bar to eat later in the day.

**On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Reception and Nursery** children will be going to Alnwick Gardens for Christmas festivities and to train to be an elf! They need warm clothes, their school sweatshirt or hoodie, a coat and sensible walking shoes or boots.

**On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Earthworks and Spacebase** will be having a day of Christmas activities and a buffet lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch and wants to have the buffet (£2.30) please let us know by Friday. Money for the buffet lunch needs to be sent on Monday.

**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**, A small group of **Timezone** children who will be picked on Monday, will be going to Grovewood, a residential home for elderly citizens, for carol singing. The children will need very smart school uniform and school shoes. They will be travelling in staff cars. EYFS will be going across the field to decorate the Church Christmas tree.

**On Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**, we are holding a Carol Service at Ellingham Church at 9.30am. The children will walk across the field and we would like as many parents as are able, to join us at the Church.

**On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**, we are holding a special Christmas toddler group starting at 1.15pm.

**On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**, it is Christmas lunch. If anyone who usually brings a packed lunch, would like Christmas lunch, please let us know by Friday. The cost is £2.30. There will be no cold sandwich option on this day. Everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper or a piece of tinsel. This is a non-uniform day.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**: Early Years to Y5 will be going to Doxford Hall for a Christmas Party. A light snack will be provided at 10.30 am at school, for those children that have school lunch. Doxford Hall is kindly providing lunch for everyone. If

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your child usually brings a packed lunch they will only need a snack. Swimming is cancelled. Party clothes can be worn to school but they must be suitable for outdoor play. Y 6 will be celebrating Christmas with Miss Baines and can wear their Christmas jumper again if they would like to. This is a non-uniform day.

**On Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**, everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper or a piece of tinsel. This is a non-uniform day. If you have any school uniform you would like to add to the uniform swap box please send it in on the last day of term.

**We return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Earthworks and Timezone start Rugby on this day and will need warm PE kits.**

A rugby after school club for Earthworks and Timezone will start the following Monday (13<sup>th</sup> January). Please sign up before we break up.

**Don't forget while doing your Christmas shopping online Use Easy Fundraising** when you are shopping online for Christmas Presents. Thank you to those parents who have signed up for Easy Fundraising in previous years. You can sign up at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/facesellingham/>

Download the toolbar, every time you use a site supported by Easy Fundraising you will donate money to the school. All the major retailers, supermarkets, travel companies etc are part of this scheme. If you are shopping on Amazon you need to go to the Easy fundraising site first, it won't automatically ask you if you want to donate!

You can also get some incredible bargains with **The Book People**. Nominate our school through their Big Boost link and we will get free books too.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and don't hesitate to ask if we have missed anything out.



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