



## HUGH JOICEY C.E. AIDED FIRST SCHOOL, FORD,

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### Happy, Healthy Learners in a Christian Community

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents and Families,

Autumn term is filling in fast and as well as our challenging daily curriculum we have come to that special, and very busy, time of year. Please read the following carefully and keep for reference. There will also be a copy on the school website [www.ford.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.ford.northumberland.sch.uk). Dates are also on the website calendar.

#### **Christmas arrangements:**

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 4 to Norham for Christmas Crafts/transition – **packed lunch** and **carrier bag** please.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – last **Gymnastics Club**.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – last **Film Club**.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Wear Christmas/Winter/sparkly/woolly **jumper** and bring a **£1 donation for Save the Children** collection please.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – **Seahouses Cinema** trip to see **Paddington 2**, drinks and snacks provided, funded generously by PTFA contribution for buses.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – we will return to school for **Christmas dinner!** We would encourage packed lunch children to join in, please let Mrs Morning know if you would like a dinner that day.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **6.00 Christmas Carol Service and Nativity** (played by Oak class children), refreshments and raffle. **Children to be in church by 5.45** please to be in place and any costumes on. The children are learning traditional and modern carols and older children will be reading the story to lead us through a candlelit carol service. We are having our 'performance' in Church this year so we can all celebrate together, there is limited space in the hall for the stage/dinners/all of our families and visitors.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – **Christmas Party afternoon**, games, party food and a special visitor... Come in party clothes (we will still be playing outside so be warm please).

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – **1.30 Christingle service**, all welcome at Church. A lovely way to round off the term. Children can be taken home from Church (no book bags today please), please tell your child's teacher at the end, buses will run as normal but let your driver know if you don't need a collection that day.
- School reopens on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, 8.45.**
- **Cherry Class** (Year 1 and Year 2 will be **swimming** every Wednesday for the Spring Term.

**Latecomers:**

School opens at 8.45, **register closes at 9.00.** Anyone arriving after 9.00 will be marked as Late. Please note Assembly starts at 9.00 so please arrive before then to ensure your child starts the day with their peers and avoid disruption.

**Absence:** Please make every effort to keep up the children's excellent school attendance. If children are too ill to attend please call us as soon as possible.

**PE kit:** Please ensure a **fully labelled** kit, including trainers and warm hoodie/tracksuit bottoms, is in school at all times. All KS1 (Cherry) and KS2 (Beech) children are doing sports club with **Dougie Hall, Tag Rugby coach on Friday** afternoons next term. KS2 also have PE with Mrs Turner on Wednesday afternoons while Cherry class are swimming.

**Packed lunches:** Please make sure that packed lunches have a healthy balance including sandwiches (preferably not chocolate spread)/ soup/fruit/salad/vegetables and not more than one 'treat'. It is unfair that most children are eating a balanced range of cooked meals, trying new things and eating vegetables and some children are eating sweets, biscuits and pre-packaged snacks with high salt and sugar content.

**Clubs:**

**Film Club – THURSDAY 3.15-4.15** with Mrs Dalrymple

Bring a sensible snack/drink.

Sign up below and return. Children without permission slips will be put on the bus as normal. Please phone if arrangements change.

**Tag Rugby: FRIDAY 3.15-4.15** with Mr Hall, limited to 30 so will run till half term, then change for another group if necessary.

**Swimming- Cherry** class, Wednesday afternoon, till Easter

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please contact me or your child's teacher so we can resolve them as soon as possible. Thank you for your support as ever.

The staff at Ford would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dalrymple

Please sign to request place on the following clubs:

**Film club – Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 (Open to all)**

Name of child/children.....

Parent signature .....

**Tag Rugby club Spring 1– Friday 3.15 – 4.15 (Limited numbers)**

Name of child.....

Parent signature .....