



17th November 2017 Newsletter

Remembrance Service-Friday 10th November

The whole school went up to St. Peter's Church to take part in a Remembrance Service led by Revd. Steve.

The following are some quotes about their thoughts and feelings.

Genevieve: *"It's Remembrance Sunday. We wear poppies for soldiers"*.

Aimee-Leigh: *"The poppies are special because they are from the poem In Flanders Fields"*.

Thank you to John, Jamie and Callum who read each verse of Flanders fields with clear, confident voices-well done.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for generously donating to this important charity. Thank you also to Louise Armatage for arranging the box of goodies that the children enjoyed choosing from.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated an item or more to this important cause. Thank you to Mrs Carney, members of staff and the School Council for organising and wrapping the boxes. The boxes will be delivered to the drop off point today.

FRIENDS

Humshaugh Playing Field Trust Firework Spectacular

This event was a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved but particularly Tim Taylor and his team for another fabulous Firework night.

Don't forget

Thursday 23rd November-Christmas Shop

Children can bring in a small amount of pocket money to buy Christmas goodies between 3-4pm in the hall.

Louise has asked, if anyone would like to bake Christmas themed cupcakes or biscuits for the Christmas treat shop their donations would be very welcome. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 23rd November and left with Mrs Rowcroft in the office.

Wednesday 20th December-Lights, Camel, Action!

There will be a raffle and hamper at Lights Camel Action, so one donation from each family would be gratefully received.

Raffle prizes or suitable 'Festive Hamper' items can be dropped into school from the beginning of December.

The monies raised will be used to treat the children at the Christmas party.

Messy Church Club (School Hall)

The club is proving to be incredibly popular with 30 children signed up. We are very fortunate to have a number of local volunteers and of course Mrs Wilkinson and Revd. Steve. Safeguarding is as always the top priority so please read the information below.

***The club runs from 3.05pm until 4.15pm sharp.**

*Parents are invited to come and see what the children have been doing **from 4pm** and refreshments will be available.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

***The back door will be locked at 3.05pm and the children will bring all of their belongings into the hall.**

PARENTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD NOT RETURN TO CLASSROOMS AFTER THE CLUB FINISHES, BUT EXIT OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

***Please note that Mrs Rowcroft is not usually in the office on a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Long is often at meetings on Tuesdays. The staff and volunteers are unable to keep coming to the front door to let parents in for early pick-ups.**

THE FRONT DOOR WILL BE OPENED AT 4.00PM.

If children need to be picked up earlier, then we suggest that perhaps they do not attend Messy Church club at this time.

Christmas Lunch-payment reminder

As usual, we will be having a Christmas lunch at school on Wednesday 13th December. The cost is £2.30 unless your child is covered by Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or Pupil Premium.

We would like to invite children who usually have a packed lunch to join us. Please fill in and return the reply slip over leaf with your contribution in a clearly labelled envelope.

Dinner Money-Autumn 2nd (30.10.17-22.12.17)

The amount due for this half term is **£89.70.**

The breakdown is as follows: 39 meals @ £2.30.

There will be one day when we go to see The Wizard of Oz that we will ask all parents to provide a packed lunch.

Please make cheques payable to Northumberland County Council.

Swimming

Please ensure you have sent money/cheques in a clearly labelled envelope to the office.

The cost for swimming lessons for this half term will be **£3 per session, totalling £24.00 for 8 sessions.**

Please make cheques payable to **Northumberland County Council.**

Include your child's/children's name and class on the back of the cheque.

Nature printing workshop

As a follow up to our visit to see the Rachel Ramirez Nature Printing exhibition, the children took part in an art workshop led by staff from the National Parks. The children used ink to print fish, feathers and shells.

Art and Design project-request from Miss Osborne

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Iron Man project.

OUTDOOR LEARNING (every Friday)

On Fridays, children will need to wear warm trousers, jeans or leggings to school rather than ordinary school uniform.

We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.

Now that it is colder, it is essential that your child is suitably dressed with warm trousers, extra jumper, socks, hat, gloves and coat. They also still need waterproof trousers, a waterproof outer layer and wellies or hiking boots.

CLIMBING ON THE PERIMETER FENCE

On several occasions after school, members of staff have had to ask children to stop climbing around the perimeter fence. I know it is tempting for children but please could you encourage them not to as it is damaging the wall and fence and we would rather not have to pay for unnecessary repairs.

Letter check

It is vital that you check your child's book bag every day to ensure any messages, letters or permission slips are dealt with as soon as possible. It makes the organisation of activities and events so much easier for the teachers and Mrs Rowcroft.

Other dates for your diary.

Thursday 23rd November: Christmas Shop 3-4pm – school hall (**all children to exit building before re-entering through hall doors**)

Wednesday 29th November: Advent Day

Friday 1st/Saturday 2nd December: Humshaugh Theatre Group presents *Aladdin Trouble*-Village Hall

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December: Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church 9.15am (All welcome)

Monday 18th December: Trip to see Wizard of Oz-Queens Hall (all children to bring own packed lunch)

Wednesday 20th December: Lights, Camel, Action! Christmas Production-9.15am

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party 1pm

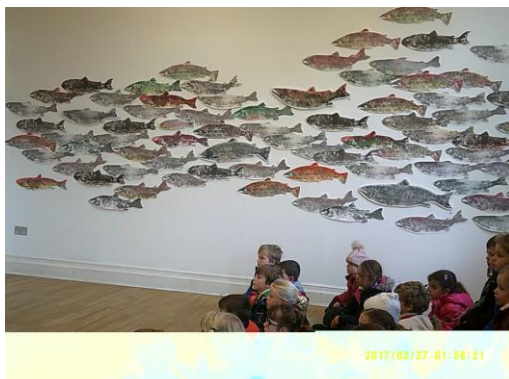
Friday 22nd December: Break up for Christmas!

Monday 8th January 2018: Teacher Day

Tuesday 9th January 2018: Spring 1st term starts

Best wishes,

Jude Long



'Migrants' Nature Printing Exhibition

