



Longhoughton C of E Primary School
December 2018
Newsletter

Wow - who can believe that we have 1 week left until the end of term.



Thank you to all at RAF Boulmer for hosting the party once again.
Thank you for your British Legion Poppy Appeal donations, a total of £77.19 was raised.
Thank you also for your BBC Children in Need donations, we raised £150.25.

Ofsted Inspection

Thank you for your support and kind words during the inspection yesterday. The report will not be published until January, we will share it with you as soon as we are able.

Reading and Spelling Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reading and Spelling Workshop at the end of November. Information from the presentation has been added to the school website.

If you click on 'The Curriculum' link at the top of the website and then click on 'Our School Curriculum' on the left hand side and scroll down you will find several attachments:

- Read Write Inc Speed Sounds
- VIPERS sheets for KS1 & KS2 – these pages give ideas or questions that can be asked during reading time to support reading comprehension (the children do have these in the front of their reading records)
- Activities for practising spellings – we have created a selection of activities that the KS2 children could use to help them learn their spellings across the course of the week. Y5 & Y6 have these in the front of their Homework Books and Y3 & Y4 have a laminated sheet in their book bags. We would like KS1 children to continue to complete the spelling sheet that they have in their Homework Folders – 1 column a night for 4 nights but they might like to try some of the activities on the website in addition.



Parking outside school

We have recently attended a meeting with a Parish Council, Wendy Pattison and a representative from Northumberland County Council Highways as the Parish Council have received some complaints about parking on Lacey Street and Crowlea Road. Although these complaints are not just about school drop off and pick up times there is still an issue around the start and the end of the day. Please can I ask everyone to continue being considerate when parking near to school. Please do not park across driveways so that local residents can still leave or gain access to their homes or on the grass verges as these are becoming churned up again. Please be aware that more drives are being created and used on Lacey Street so please keep a look out for these changes.



Christmas Cards

The school Christmas post box is now available. We know that the children enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends and we do not want to stifle this enjoyment. However, as we are a biodiversity school that thinks about our effects on the planet, we would like to encourage the children to maybe send cards to their close friends and a card to the class.

The Reverse Advent Calendar for The Alnwick Foodbank

Thank you so much for all the items that were sent in for The Alnwick Foodbank on Friday 7th and 14th December. The first collection was taken to the Foodbank on Monday 10th and was gratefully received. 'Dress Down Friday' will continue for 21st December as well.

Week beginning 18th December

No clubs this week

Tuesday 18th December Christmas Play - afternoon performance, 2:00pm

Wednesday 19th December Christmas Play – morning performance, 9:30am

evening performance, 6:00pm **SOLD OUT**

If you haven't requested your tickets yet please make sure you do as they are selling fast.

Wednesday evening performance 6:00pm

Please bring your child to school between 5:30pm – 5:45pm to get changed for the final performance, do **not** arrive before 5:30pm. If you do not have tickets for the performance please return to collect your child at about 6:45pm. Please wait in the ICT area so as not to block the main entrance and hall exit.

Thursday 20th December - Italy Class Stay & Play 9:15am – 11:15am.

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In the morning Helen Bishopp (Foundation Governor) will be in school working with some of the children to make Christingles ready for the service on Friday. Not everyone will be able to make one this year as there are now over 120 children in school but we will make enough to take to church on Friday.

Friday 21st December - Christingle Service in church

Unfortunately due to school numbers and the size of the church this is a school only event. I know that we have asked for donations for The Alnwick Foodbank but we will also be, once again, sending home 'The Children's Society Christingle Gift Envelope'. Please can these be returned by Friday 21st December so that we can take them to church to give as a collection gift. The children could be encouraged to put some of their pocket money into the collection box so that they can give to children less fortunate than themselves at Christmas time.

Toys Day – Friday 21st December

The children are able to bring a toy on the last day. Please do not send anything electrical, noisy or with small parts. We have found that board games are good so that children can share and spend time playing together. The children will be responsible for whatever they bring in.



KS2 Swimming

The Year 3 and 4 children in Brazil Class will start swimming lessons at Willowburn on Friday 11th January for the whole of the Spring Term.

We will be sending out more details in a permission letter on Monday 7th January 2019 – we will need all permission slips back ready for the Friday morning.

Friday 21st December – School closes, 3:15pm.
Monday 7th January – School re-opens

The staff and Governors wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year

This newsletter can also be read on the school website – www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk – through the 'News & Events' link on the Home page