

Treats for all children using fundraising money

Thanks to all of the brilliant fundraising work by parents, carers, staff and children, we have money available to provide some extra opportunities for our children.

Children in **orange, yellow** and **red class** will be watching a performance of **the Clumsiest Christmas Elf** on **Thursday 12 December**.

This is a story especially for younger children.

Children in green and blue class will be ice skating at **Woodhorn Colliery** and taking part in Christmas workshops on **Friday 13 December**.

Both of these treats and transport have been paid for using fundraising money. We hope you and your child agree that these are brilliant treats and a very good way to use the fundraising money.

Christmas post boxes

Christmas post boxes will be open from **Monday 16 December**.

Please wait until this date before bringing your cards in.

Lists of children's first names and surname initials for your child's class will be sent home by Friday 13 December to use to address Christmas cards.

Please only use the post box to post cards to **children who are not in your child's class**. Cards for children in your child's class should be taken to the classroom and the class teacher will arrange for them to be given out.

Arrangements for Christmas parties

Thursday 19 December

Children in **yellow class** should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change in to after lunch. Children in **orange class** should come to school at 1:00pm wearing their party clothes. There is no morning Nursery.

Friday 20 December

Children in **red, green and blue class** should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change in to after lunch.

Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18 December

We will order a **school Christmas lunch** for **all children in yellow, red, green and blue class**. Parents of children in yellow, red and green class do not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in blue class who pay for their child's meals should pay in the normal way as part of the weekly payment on Monday 16 December. If you **do not want to order** a Christmas lunch for your child please provide a packed lunch and **inform us in writing by Friday 29 November**.

Count down to the Christmas fayre

Our annual **Christmas fayre** is on **Friday 13 December** from **3:15pm**. We are hoping to make this our best fayre ever. The countdown to the event includes-

- **Week beginning Monday 25 November**

-raffle tickets will be sent home;

- **Week beginning Monday 02 December**

-non uniform 3 on **Friday 06 December**. Please send in donations for the general tombola.

- **Week beginning Monday 09 December**

-Christmas fayre on **Friday 13 December**, including

- raffle with fabulous prizes to be won;
- loads of stalls- tombolas (bottle, chocolate / sweetie and general) and pick the lock;
- hand-made items for sale, including reindeer dust, snowman poo, reindeer poo, hot chocolate reindeers, Santa's keys, Grinch pills and sweet cones;
- crafty activities;
- hot drinks and biscuits, hot dogs, chips and juice.
- fingers crossed that Santa will be coming to the fayre. £1 to visit Santa.

Special letters to Santa

Special letters to Santa are now available to buy from the office for **£1.50**.

Please post your letter to Santa in the **special post box** in the office by **Friday 13 December**.

Hopefully Santa will collect them when he comes to our Christmas fayre.

He is very busy but I believe he said that he is going to send a **personal reply** to every child who writes a special letter to him.

Help at Christmas

We are a small school with a small staff team. We are very lucky that the staff team are so committed and hard working to ensure that we provide the best opportunities that we can for our children. At this time of year we do become very stretched while we try to arrange all of these extra events for our children and their families.

We would be very grateful for any offers of help from any parents and carers who may have some time available. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help with craft activities, display work and rehearsals.

Movie night on Wednesday 18 December

Children in red, green and blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:15pm for movie night on **Wednesday 18 December**. Tickets cost **£3.00** and include a film, hot dog and a drink. We will be watching Home Alone. Please complete the attached ticket order form and return it to school with payment of £3.00 by **Monday 09 December**.

Costumes for Christmas performances

We do not need families of any children in yellow or orange class to provide a costume for their Christmas performance. We have enough costumes in school.

We would like all children in **red, green and blue** class to wear a Christmas jumper for their carol concert. Please can they bring a **Christmas jumper** in to school by **Friday 13 December**. They will bring it home after the concert on Tuesday 17 December.

Christmas performances

Our Christmas performance from children in yellow and orange class this year is "It's a Baby" on **Tuesday 17 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 8:45am). Our children in red, green and blue class will be performing Christmas carols on **Monday 16 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 8:45am) and **Tuesday 17 December at 2:15pm** (doors open at 1:45pm). All children will be taking part in their performance.

Information about all performances

The performances will start at 9:15am or 2:15pm- **late comers will not be admitted**. The **main entrance at the school office** will be the only entrance and exit.

Filming and photography

Parents and carers may not take **photographs or film any part of the Christmas performances**. **This includes live streaming**.

Staff will take a photograph of **every child in their costume/Christmas jumper** and this will be sent home free of charge before the end of term.

Suitability for young children

The performances are around 45 minutes in length and are therefore unlikely to be suitable for young children. We cannot accommodate **pushchairs and prams** in the hall. If you do decide to bring a young child, we do expect you to take them out if they are unsettled and come back in when they are settled. This is a mark of respect to the children who are performing and as a courtesy to other guests.

Tickets for performances

It would be lovely if everyone could see all the Christmas performances but we do not have enough space. In order to ensure the safety of all of our children and guests and to comply with the maximum capacity for the hall, we will be issuing tickets for the performances.

For **orange and yellow class**, each family can have up to 3 tickets for the orange and yellow performance (3 tickets per family for Tuesday 17 December) priced at 50p per ticket.

For **red, green and blue class**, each family can have up to 3 tickets for each performance (up to 3 tickets per family for Monday 16 December and up to 3 tickets per family for Tuesday 17 December) priced at 50p per ticket.

The deadline for orders and payments to be received in school is **Monday 09 December**. Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child during the course of that week. Tickets will be numbered. Guests are required to sit in their numbered seat.

Seats cannot be reserved, except for disabled guests. Guests who required disabled access must indicate on the booking form and they will be issued with a ticket with disabled access.

People who arrive to watch the performance without a ticket will not be allowed to come in. We are giving plenty of notice about ordering tickets (3 full weeks). We will not exceed the maximum capacity of the hall in order to accommodate people who have not ordered tickets by **Monday 09 December**.

Christmas performance ticket orders

Please complete the attached ticket order form and return it to school with payment by **Monday 09 December**. Payment must be made with orders. Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child from **Tuesday 10 December**. Tickets will be numbered. We are giving three full weeks' notice about ordering tickets.

Orders for tickets received after Monday 09 December will be processed after all other tickets have been allocated and tickets will only be allocated if there are any seats left.

Class of the term non uniform on Friday 20 December

The class with the best attendance and punctuality for the autumn term will be invited to wear **non uniform** on **Friday 20 December**. They will be informed in writing on Thursday 19 December. All other children should wear their school uniform on Friday 20 December.

Community events

Children in the choir from blue class will be singing at the **Seghill Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 14 December**. We have also been asked by Daft As A Brush to sing at the **Freeman Hospital on Tuesday 17 December**.

Celebration Assembly on Friday 20 December

Parents and carers are invited to attend our celebration assembly on **Friday 20 December from 8:45am**. We will be celebrating our achievements, including giving out awards and certificates for attendance, Santa's reading challenge, Premier League awards, learning times tables facts. We will also be celebrating children's achievements beyond our school. Please attend if you can as the children love to see someone from their family in the audience.

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 02 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Knowles, will be sending out more information about the reading challenge next week. It is important that children continue to read in the run up to Christmas as part of their normal routine, as this maintains fluency and interest in books. We know it can be difficult to fit everything in at this time of year, but hopefully, the "little and often" approach is more manageable than reading lots of pages once a week.

Pre-orders for Christmas treats

This year we are launching a **pre-ordering service** for our **Christmas treats**. This includes reindeer dust, snowman poo, reindeer poo, hot chocolate reindeers, Santa's keys, Grinch pills and sweet cones. These items will be on sale for **£1 each** at the Christmas fayre. However, if you pre-order any four of these items, we will put them together in a **special Christmas Eve pack for £3.00**. This offer will not be available at the Christmas fayre. Please specify which items you would like to pre-order for your special Christmas Eve pack on the **order form attached**.

Ticket order forms 2019- please only return one per family

Please note any disabled access requirements for the performances overleaf.

Child's name (eldest child)		Class	
Signed		Date	

Tickets for Christmas performances	Number of tickets
Orange and yellow performance on Tuesday 17 December starting at 9:15am (maximum 3 per family) at 50p each	
Red, green and blue carol concert on Monday 16 December starting at 9:15am (maximum 3 per family) at 50p each.	
Red, green and blue carol concert on Tuesday 17 December starting at 2:15pm (maximum 3 per family) at 50p each.	
Total number of tickets	

Tickets for movie night- red, green and blue class only	Number of tickets
Movie night tickets for Wednesday 18 December from 3:15pm to 5:15pm including a hot dog and juice at £3.00 per ticket	
Pre-orders for Christmas Eve packs £3.00 for 4 items	Number of packs
Please write 4 items for your pack(s) here	

Total payment enclosed	
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Please complete and return with payment by **Monday 09 December**. Circulated on **22 November 2019**.

