

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2018 edition 2 Christmas special

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 **Aladdin** on **Wednesday 19 December** at Simonside Community Centre in Westerhope. 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 07 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 17 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 14 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 20 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 21 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 Tuesday 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 17 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 30 November**.

Count down to the Christmas fayre

Our annual **Christmas fayre** is on **Friday 14 December** from **3:15pm**. We are hoping to make this our best fayre ever. The countdown to the event includes-

- **Week beginning Monday 26 November**

-raffle tickets will be sent home;

- **Week beginning Monday 03 December**

-non uniform 3 on Friday 07 December. Please send in donations for the general tombola.

- **Week beginning Monday 10 December**

-Christmas fayre on **Friday 14 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 calendars with pictures of children in each class, reindeer dust, snowman poo, reindeer poo, hot chocolate reindeers, Santa's keys;
- colouring and craft 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 available to buy from the office for **£1** from **Monday 26 November**.

Please post your letter to Santa in the **special post box** in the office by **Friday 14 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.

Costumes for Christmas performances

We try to keep the costumes simple for the performances and only ask you to provide essential items that we don't already have. Our stock of costumes has been significantly bolstered by the incredibly kind donation of many handmade costumes from Mrs Condren. Thank you, Mrs Condren. If we do need anything for your child, class teachers will let you know by 04 December.

Christingle service

Our Christingle service will take place at the Methodist Chapel in Seghill at **10:00am** on **Thursday 20 December**. All years groups will be attending. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

Christmas performances

Our Christmas performance from children in yellow and orange class this year is “Wriggly Nativity” on **Monday 17 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 8:45am). Our children in red, green and blue class will be performing “**Nativity Rock**” on **Monday 17 December at 2:15pm** (doors open at 2:00pm) and **Tuesday 18 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 9:00am). All children will be taking part in either a singing or acting role.

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.

Use of video and photographs

- Parents and carers may take **photographs and use videos**, but these must not be shared publicly on the internet. This includes social networking sites such as Facebook.

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 4 tickets for the performance (4 tickets per family for Monday 17 December) priced at 50p per ticket.
- For **red, green and blue class each** family can have up to 2 tickets for each performance (up to 2 tickets per family for Monday 17 December and up to 2 tickets per family for Tuesday 18 December) priced at 50p per ticket.
- The deadline for orders and payments to be received in school is **Monday 10 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 the tickets (3 full weeks). We will not exceed the maximum capacity of the hall in order to accommodate people who have not ordered tickets.

Extra tickets

- There may be an opportunity to have additional tickets. Additional tickets will be allocated after each family has received their tickets for each performance and names will be drawn out of a hat up to the maximum capacity of the hall. Please add extra ticket requests on the order form attached. Please note that any extra tickets will be allocated to seats which are available after the initial allocation. Additional guests will not be seated with their family members.

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, you will be asked to take them out if they are unsettled as a mark of respect to the children on stage and as a courtesy to other guests.

Fundraising

- **Voluntary donations** may be made at the end of each performance, which will go to **school funds** and there will also be a raffle.

Christmas performance ticket orders

Please complete the attached ticket order form and return it to school with payment by **Monday 10 December**.

Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child from **Tuesday 11 December**. Any additional tickets will be sent home after this date. Tickets will be numbered.

We are giving three full weeks' notice about ordering tickets. Payment must be made with orders.

Orders for tickets received after Monday 10 December will be processed after all other tickets have been allocated.

Class of the term non uniform on Friday 21 December

The class with the best attendance and punctuality for the autumn term will be invited to wear **non uniform** on **Friday 21 December**. They will be informed in writing on Thursday 20 December. All other children should wear their school uniform on Friday 21 December.

Community events

Children in the choir from blue class did a fabulous job singing at **Seghill Christmas fayre** in the Institute last Saturday. They will be singing at the **Seghill Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 08 December**. We have also been asked by Daft As A Brush to sing at the **Freeman Hospital on Tuesday 11 December**.

Movie night on Wednesday 19 December

Children in red, green and blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:00pm for movie night on **Wednesday 19 December**. Tickets cost **£2.00** and include film and food. The children will vote for their choice of film. Movie night tickets will be on sale from Monday 10 December until Friday 14 December.

Tickets for Christmas performances 2018

Please note any disabled access requirements overleaf.	Number of tickets	Extra tickets
Orange and yellow performance of “Wriggly Nativity” on Monday 17 December starting at 9:15am (maximum 4 per family) at 50p each		
Red, green and blue performance of “Nativity Rock” on Monday 17 December starting at 2:15pm (maximum 2 per family) at 50p each.		
Red, green and blue performance of “Nativity Rock” on Tuesday 18 December starting at 9:15am (maximum 2 per family) at 50p each.		
Total number of tickets		
Total payment enclosed		

Child's name (eldest child)		Class	
Signed		Date	

Please complete and return with payment by Monday 10 December. Circulated on 23 November 2018.

