

November News



Thank you for all your food contributions to the harvest festival celebration at St Cuthbert's church. It was great to see the church packed and the children on fine singing form! We have had lots of visitors this term including the Super Splash heroes (Northumbrian water), the fire brigade, Amble dentists and PC Darin who called in this week to remind the children how to enjoy a safe and happy half term and bonfire night. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about a range of different jobs and we would welcome any parents who would be willing to share their work experiences with the children to give us a call. Please read this newsletter carefully to keep up to date with what's happening this term and keep an eye out for any changes to information on our school website and facebook pages.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Bruce ☺



Attendance

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have been vigilant in phoning up to let us know that your child will be absent. This helps enormously with our record keeping. Despite the first term bugs, coughs and colds we have maintained our super attendance rate of 96.7%. Thank you for your continued support.



Movie Nights



Movie nights are back! The children are invited to stay behind after school **until 5.15pm** for a choice of three movies (three different movies in three different classrooms!) The children choose the movies nearer the date and for the price of £5 get juice and a snack. If you would like your child to attend the November movie night, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and put it in an envelope with £5 and your child's name and movie night written clearly on the front!

November Movie night - Monday 12th November

December Movie night - Thursday December 6th (more details and permission slip to follow)

The PTA Christmas fair will be held on **Friday 7th December**, starting at **2:30pm**. Parents and carers can pick children up from their class **from 2:30pm** and enjoy the Christmas fun including Santa's grotto, tombolas, a raffle and children's crafts.

We are going to run our non - uniform days on the following Fridays in return for a donation to the Christmas fair:

Friday 9th November - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our smellies tombola (bubble bath, body lotion etc..)

Friday 23rd November - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our chocolate tombola

Friday 30th November - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our bottle tombola



This is to make way for Children in Need on **Friday 16th November**.

All the children are invited to dress in Pudsey clothes, in spotacular fashion or just have fun in non-uniform. Please bring a donation (suggestion £1) for the Children in need cause.



Parent drop in Watch out for your invites to our year group Maths drop in sessions:

November 15th - Year 4

November 22nd - Year 3

November 29th - Year 1

December 6th - Year 2



Parent Assemblies - Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning - always a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm.

This year we would like to invite you at the earlier time of 2:15pm for a coffee before the performance and an opportunity to chat to PTA members and the senior staff team- Mrs Bruce, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Donaldson.

November 26th - Year 2

November 12th - Year 1

November 19th - Reception



Christmas Performances

Early years (Reception and Nursery) - Monday 17th December - 9:30am - in the school hall

KS1 and KS2 (Y1,2,3,4) - Thursday 13th December at St Cuthbert's church

First show -10am

Second show - 1:30pm



After school club

We now run an after school club Monday-Thursday until 5:45pm. Please see attached letter with more details. Please note that if your child changes their mind after the place is booked, you will be charged for their place. However, if your child is poorly or has a last minute medical appointment, we are happy to reimburse the amount paid.



PE Uniform

The children have enjoyed being in PE kit on their PE days and the teaching staff are enjoying teaching PE without any changing time and missions to find lost uniform!

From November, we would like children to wear school t-shirts and jumpers with their PE bottoms please- remember these should be plain black or blue/ navy. When we are in and

around school and at school competitions this helps us identify and present ourselves proudly as Amble First School which is very important to us.

Puffin points/ Class points for all children wearing the right uniform on the first week back after half term!



Playground

We are busy re-developing the willow area in school as we would like more play space for the children. We are chopping down the willow and we would ideally like to get rid of the walls that the willow grows from. If anyone can help with this or would like the bricks, please call into the school office or phone up because, as ever, we are on a tight budget and would much rather spend money on facilities for the children! The wooden planters inside the willow area are also for sale on Longhoughton sales and wants on Facebook, if you are interested.



Inhalers

Following First Aid training we have been given the following advice about inhalers:

Brown inhalers are a preventative medication and should be given by parents at home (usually once in the morning and again at night).

Blue inhalers are to be given in response to symptoms of asthma and will be given in school when required. This is usually indicated on the inhaler sticker given by the doctor eg "**inhale 2 doses as needed.**"

If your doctor has given you different advice e.g. inhaler before physical activity or at a set time, we would need a medical note from the doctor explaining how to administer this.



Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic book fair will be run between Monday 26th November - Friday 30th November, every day after school, in the main hall. Lots of lovely books to purchase just in time for Christmas!

Bag2School

Blue bags collection will be on Monday 12th November at Please fill in the bags with good quality clothes, shoes, bags, belts, soft toys, etc. and bring to school before the date indicated. Money raised from collection will go towards additional resources for children.

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team



Permission slip

Open to children from Reception to Year 4

Come to Movie night on Monday November 12th

You will be able to choose from 3 different films. Choice of movie will be voted for nearer to the night.

For just £5, stay after school on Thursday until 5:15pm and watch a movie with your friends. Juice and a snack is included in the price.

For your ticket to the movie night of the year, complete the reply slip below and put it in an envelope with £5.

Label the envelope clearly with your child's full name and class and hand it in to Miss Nowak or your child's class teacher. Please return to school in a labelled envelope.

I give permission for _____
(full name of child + year group)

to stay behind after school until 5:15pm on Thursday November 12th
for Movie night.

Name of adult collecting your child and their relationship to your
child _____

Signed _____
(parent or carer)

