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Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no.12



BLOSSOM & GROW

FORGOTTEN TO DROP OFF YOUR BAG OF UNWANTED CLOTHES ETC FOR AIR AMBULANCE? These will be collected on MONDAY MORNING so bring you bag on Monday BEFORE 9am

WANTED: Tombola & raffle prizes for Christmas Fair organised by the Y5/6 as part of their **BUSINESS VENTURE** after School performances. If you have unwanted & unused toiletries, bottles, gifts etc. please hand to Mrs Pannett as soon as possible please.

It is still not too late to make a tree decoration which can be sent to our French partner School at Jules Ferry at Dreuille les Amiens. I am posting these off on **TUESDAY 4th DEC.**

I'd love to see more homemade decorations for our hall display please.

Thanks for those received so far –there are some great ideas!!!!

On the Friday we break up Rokeby Estates have asked us to perform at their Carol celebration once again. If your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 & is willing to take part in this event please let me know as soon as possible. Stephen Maude very kindly provides us with free transport to and from the concert which takes place at **6:30pm** and lasts about an hour. **We leave school at 6pm and return to school at 7:45pm.** Families are welcome to join us at the event. Last year Barnard Castle Silver band participated which really brought the service alive setting a really festive feeling. So please try to support this worthwhile cause. **So far 3 pupils have said they are interested –I'd really like at least 7**

Homework: write an acrostic poem based on
E.g. Carol singers wrapped against the cold,
Holly berries sparkle in the frosted moonlight
R.....

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How many smaller words can you make from CHRISTMAS?
To start your list is, cat.... ..
Try with REINDEER

If you were re writing the '12 days of Christmas' what would you include in your version?
Bring in your entry for a chance to win prizes.

It was great to see so many family members at our recent woodwind concert. The soloists were confident and the novice recorder players were amazing. For any of the Y4s who wish to continue playing they can join Mrs. Solly's group on Friday lunchtimes. Some players will now also move onto flute. Please think carefully as your child brings home the request letter. It is an ideal opportunity to learn an instrument at reasonable cost. Mrs. Unwin is good with the groups and those involved enjoy her teaching.

On Wednesday 5th Dec 10 pupils from Y5/6 who have expressed interest will take part in the **QUICK STICKS** indoor hockey tournament at Barnard Castle School. This is an indoor event so pupils will need an indoor p.e. kit but as we will walk down to the school please make sure they have trousers or tracksuit bottoms to wear & a warm coat. A water bottle would also be needed.

Over the next 3 weeks we have been booked to sing at Abbeyfield homes, the Manor House & Beaconsfield care homes at the luncheon club. I will take small groups of key Stage 2 pupils, who wish to participate, to these venues.

Over the next 2 weeks children from all classes will visit the Bowes Museum, take part in a Christmas trail & will make Christmas crafts. As the events run from 10am to 2pm your child **WILL** need a packed lunch.
SO PACKED LUNCHES ON TUESDAY FOR MRS RIDLEY & MRS DONALDSON'S CLASSES PLEASE.
REMINDER NO SWEETS OR FIZZY DRINKS IN PACKED LUNCHES!!

DIARY –.

TUES 4th DEC RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2 take part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

THURS 6th DEC CRAFTY CERAMICS 3:30 to 4:30pm

FRI 7th DEC METHODIST CHURCH perform a NATIVITY play

MON 10th DEC Y5/6 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

TUES 11th DEC Y3/4 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

WED 12th Christmas Dinner for pupils

THURS 13th DEC PANTOMINE VISIT for WHOLE SCHOOL

FRI 14th DEC NURSERY XMAS PERFORMANCE10am

TUES 18th DEC SCHOOL XMAS PERFORMANCES 1:30pm & 6:30pm

WED 19th CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS at TEESDALE SCHOOL –dance group will perform

THURS 20th PARTIES FRI 21st CAROL SERVICE for parents, grandparents & pupils at 2pm. (WE WILL GO TO ROKEBY TO TAKE PART IN THEIR SERVICE AT 6:00pm) –volunteers wanted please

LETTERS ASKING YOU TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT. MAKE SURE YOU RETURN YOUR SLIPS ASAP TO ENSURE YOU GET TICKETS.

There are 2 performances one at 1:30 and 1 at 6:30pm.

ALL CHILDREN FROM YR TO Y6 TAKE PART IN **BOTH** PERFORMANCES SO PLEASE HELP US BY ENSURING THEY CAN DO THIS.

We have to limit numbers of tickets sold for fire safety reasons & therefore apologise for any difficulties this limit causes.

TRICKY WORDS TO READ & SPELL IN RECEPTION & YEAR1 *he she we said.* Can spell those easily then find more on the HIGH FREQUENCY WORD LISTS to work on.

Y2 & 3 Try le words as in **puddle, battle toddle** – notice the double consonant –think of some more words following this rule. *Describe the rule when adding ing to these words.*

Upper Key Stage 2 keep working on the spelling patterns set out for you by Mrs. McIntyre.

Find some words beginning **phil** e.g. **Philip,**

Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending

November 23rd 2012?



AARON for being the KING of SHAPES

ELLE SH for excellent reading

SARAH M for an excellent piece of work written in her own time

SAFFRON for working hard on learning her tables

TEAM POINTS to Nov 23rd 2012

GO ON A SHAPE
HUNT AROUND
YOUR HOUSE

RED 29 points

YELLOW 25 points

GREEN 18 points

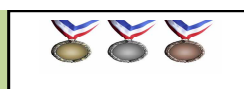
BLUE 11 POINTS

REGULAR or
IRREGULAR?



Draw more.
Repeat for
hexagons

BRONZE MEDALLISTS this term.



NIAMH W & NIAMH B

SILVER MEDALLISTS this term.

LUCY & KATE M



This weekend our real Christmas trees will be erected in a school & Nursery ready for pupils to decorate. If your child wants to send Christmas cards to friends they can post them in our communal post boxes (in Nursery & School) or hand them out individually. If you require help with class names then ask your child's teacher.

THE CHILDREN MAKING MOST PROGRESS IN THEIR MATHS THIS TERM ARE THOSE SUPPORTED BY THEIR PARENTS. ARE YOU DOING ENOUGH TO HELP THEM PRACTISE?

IN KEY STAGE 1 when they know facts such as $8+2=10$ then they are ready for turning this round e.g. $10-2$ is.... $10-8$ is.....Can they focus on $8+....=10$ etc. Then move onto $80+....=100$

In early Key Stage 2 can children work out how many more is 24 than 16, what is the difference between 35 and 42, if a packet of sweets cost 23p what will 2 packets/10 packets/ 5 packets cost.

How many packets can I buy if I have £1? Will I have any change, what will this be. Think of examples to keep brains sharp.

Y5 & 6 practice your timed tests, learn your tables, investigate fractions of numbers, and order decimal numbers.

LOOK AT LEVEL PROMPT SHEETS for practice examples & get your children to explain how to tackle the questions. Practice FRACTIONS into DECIMALS & vice versa. PRACTISE TELLING THE TIME!