

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and inspiring week it has been here at Jericho Primary! We loved seeing so many children proudly wearing their odd socks to mark Anti-Bullying Week—a colourful and powerful way to celebrate our differences and stand together against bullying. It's truly heart warming to witness our children showing kindness, courage, and support for one another.

We also want to give a special shout-out to our Year 6 pupils, who led a deeply moving and mature Remembrance Assembly. Their thoughtful reflections and respectful attitude made it a poignant moment for the whole school community. If you didn't catch the live service, then please watch the recording on our face book page.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has supported our Children in Need activities. Your generosity and enthusiasm help us make a real difference, and it's wonderful to see our children engaging so positively with these important causes. Take a look at our face book page to see the staff taking on the slime challenge to raise money for Children in need, much to the whole schools delight!

A huge thankyou and congratulations to Gerard McCarten for completing his space mountain biking challenge with us on a very cold and windy Friday afternoon. The children had a fantastic time cheering him on as he completed his fantastic mission raising money for Hospice at home. What a fantastic local achievement.

Important Messages:

Advanced Notice: For two weeks week beginning 17th Nov and 24th Nov, our Car Park will be closed to parents and staff during the school day. Portakabin will be removing the temporary classrooms. Breakfast and after-school parking will be on the gravel at the top of the driveway. Please be extra vigilant as there will be heavy machinery on site. Please be courteous with your parking in the community.

Jericho Road and parking: Please can I kindly remind parents that the car park on Jericho Road is not a public parking space. These are for residents only. Please park away from the school site and walk into the school grounds.

Appropriate coats and clothing- This week, some children have unfortunately been unable to go outside whilst it was raining due to not having an appropriate waterproof coat. Please ensure that children come to school equipped for our wonderful winter weather. We have a large number of coats in our lost property bins. These will be on display at the front of the building next week, when it is dry for you to collect!

Christmas is coming:

CHANGE OF DATE: Please note we have had to change the day/date of the Reception performance. Reception will now perform on Monday 15th December at 2:30 in the school hall.

Christmas Hampers

Each year, we run a Christmas Hamper raffle to raise money for school funds. As you know, school budgets are very tight and our school fund helps us to buy things that our main budget does not cater for. For example, we saved huge sums of money to invest in our school grounds a few years ago.

Our Christmas hampers all have a special theme or colour. We invite everyone to join in by donating items that match your class colour. We ask that donations be sent in to each class teacher. Every contribution, big or small, will help make these hampers extra special. Tickets will available via Arbor, as well as in-person from the school office, on Christmas Decoration Day and at the Christmas Plays. Please see the letter attached.

Useful IT news:

We have attached some helpful information for parents on getting to grips with AI and keeping children safe. AI can now generate realistic looking videos that are almost impossible to distinguish from genuine content. From hoax news to abusive deepfakes, these synthetic clips can mislead, manipulate and even harm. As AI tools become more advanced, and more accessible, young people are increasingly at risk of encountering fake but convincing footage online. This guide unpacks the dangers of AI-generated videos, from the emotional impact of fake distressing content to the potential for impersonation and bullying. With practical tips to help spot deepfakes and navigate online spaces with confidence, this guide is an essential read for parents navigating this rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Celebration Times:

Some lovely achievements have been shared over the last couple of weeks. Our Jericho Family is full of such talent! Here are a few celebration highlights:

- Matilda (Year 2) & Conker (her horse) competed at the Greenlands Halloween Fun Show. She came home with 5 rosettes for; Horse & Rider Fancy Dress, Handy Hunter, Equitation & two rounds of Show jumping. Matilda got the most rosettes of all the entrants! Superb achievement Matilda.
- Ruben (Year 5) marched in his 3rd Remembrance parade through Whitehaven with the Hensingham Cubs last weekend. He even carried their flag. A proud and smart moment.
- Maryanne (Year 2) was very proud for being awarded a certificate and medal for swimming 10 metres unaided - a great achievement Maryanne!
- Katie (Year 6) was thrilled to win the inters award for drama at the Razzamataz annual awards. Well done Katie - a shining star!
- Mabel (Year 6) attended the annual presentation evening on Friday where she was delighted to receive a silver medal for being part of the U11 girls relay team who placed 2nd overall for the season. The highlight of the night was Mabel winning the U11 Coach's Athlete of the Year Award, for always showing dedication, hard work and the constant desire to improve.
- Some of our Year 6 boys - Theo, Max & Ethan S competed in a rugby union tournament at Penrith as part of their team Whitehaven Sharks winning 3 out of 4 of their matches. Displaying excellent teamwork and doing themselves and their club proud, well done boys!
- Georgie (Year 5) competed in a county swimming Gala in Barrow where she won a silver medal. After her race times this weekend she is 1st in the county for 50m freestyle (front crawl) for her age category!! She swam 50m in 37 seconds!!
- Back in October - Year 1- Scarlett, Nova, Gracie , Hattie, Esme completed their tap and ballet medals one weekend.
- What a lot of super proud moments. Well done all.

Golden Work:

Poppy in Year 4 for fantastic addition and subtraction work.

Bobby in Year 6 for fabulous progress with his arithmetic work.

Oliver in Year 6 for independent arithmetic work.
George in Year 3 for fantastic dribbling skills in Hockey.
Vinnie, Ileana and Georgie in Year 4 for creative loom making at Forest School.
Aurora in Year 1 for super correction spotting in Maths.
Nathan in Year 2 for fantastic exchanging in addition.
Katie in Year 4 for fantastic effort and improved times table scores.
Marley in Year 4 for brilliant resilience with her column addition and subtraction in Maths.
Juan in Reception for super shape recognition.

Looking ahead:

10th November - Odd socks day in school
Wc 10th November- anti-bullying week
Wc 10th Nov - Book fair in school.
12th/13th November- Nursery play and stay and harvest soup- More details to follow
14th November – Children in Need
26th Nov - 6W Rum Story Visit
28th Nov - 6H Rum Story Visit
3rd Dec- Years 3,4,5,6 to see Wizard of Oz
Thursday 4th Dec- Nursery decoration day-more details to follow
Friday 5th Dec- Christmas decoration afternoon and fayre- Reception to year 6
WC 8th Dec- Christmas performances
Monday- Y3, Tuesday- Y4, Wednesday- Y5, Thursday- Y6 at St Johns Church @ 4.00pm
11th Dec- Reception/Year 1/Year 2- Rosehill visit
12th Dec- Christmas dinner and jumper day
19th December- School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm
7th Jan - School reopens after the Christmas Break.

Christmas Performances at School in the Hall:

Monday 8th December : Year 2 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9th December: Year 1 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.
Monday 15th December: Reception Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.

Christmas Performances at St John's Church:

Monday 8th December: Year 3 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9th December: Year 4 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10th December: Year 5 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 11th December: Year 6 Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m

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