# Jericho Primary School Newsletter

A Smile Is Always Returned

Dear parents and Carers,

What a magical week it has been at Jericho! Our Key Stage 2 children were absolutely enchanted by their trip to the theatre to see The Wizard of Oz—a truly unforgettable experience filled with wonder and excitement. Meanwhile, the spirit of kindness has been spreading like magic throughout the school, thanks to our busy elves and their Kindness Challenge. Every day, the elves have been surprising us all with their golden ticket drawer as part of our surprise advent calendar—bringing smiles and joy to everyone involved.

We were also thrilled to welcome so many of you to our Decoration Day this afternoon. It was wonderful to see the school buzzing with festive cheer and creativity as Christmas celebrations are now well and truly underway!

Kindness and joy are truly in the air at Jericho, and we look forward to sharing more special moments with you in the weeks ahead.

## Christmas:

**Christmas Cards** – Post-box in school – Our Christmas post-box has returned for the festive season. If you child would like to write and give cards, they can post them in our school post-box outside my office. The post box will be in operation from Monday with cards being delivered each day. Please make sure children write names and classes on the envelopes.

**Performances next week**: Our Christmas Performances will start on Monday next week. Please check the times below. Please remember to contact the office If you would like tickets for the events.

**PHOTOS FOR PERFORMANCE-** As always please do not take photographs during our Christmas performances or share images on any social media. During rehearsals etc we will take photographs to share on our face book page ensuring any children who do not have permissions are protected.

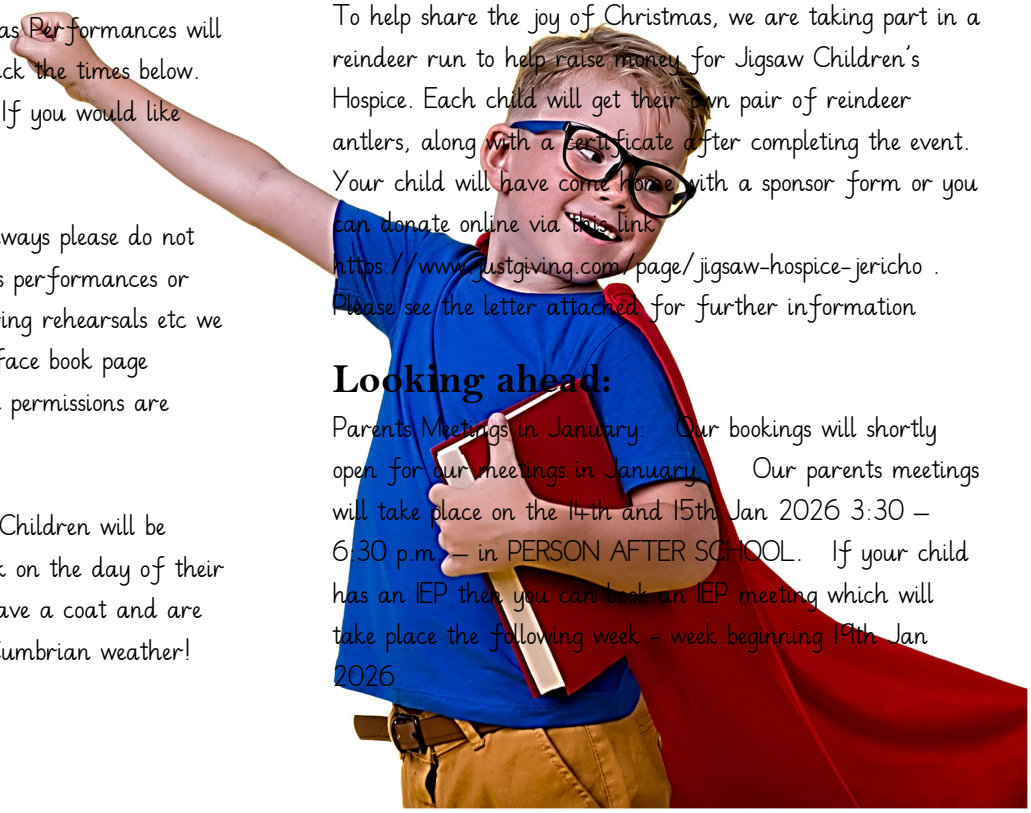
**Key stage 2 Christmas performances-** Children will be walking to St. John's Church next week on the day of their performance. Please ensure children have a coat and are suitably dressed given our wonderful Cumbrian weather!

**Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day - Friday 12 December**

We will again be supporting Hospice at Home on Friday 12th December by asking children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school. If you would like to make a donation for this great cause, please send your donation into school with your child.

**Reindeer Run**

To help share the joy of Christmas, we are taking part in a reindeer run to help raise money for Jigsaw Children's Hospice. Each child will get their own pair of reindeer antlers, along with a certificate after completing the event. Your child will have come home with a sponsor form or you can donate online via this link https://www.justgiving.com/page/jigsaw-hospice-jericho . Please see the letter attached for further information



## Looking ahead:

Parents Meetings in January: Our bookings will shortly open for our meetings in January. Our parents meetings will take place on the 14th and 15th Jan 2026 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. – in PERSON AFTER SCHOOL. If your child has an IEP then you can book an IEP meeting which will take place the following week – week beginning 19th Jan 2026

## Reminders

Attendance reminders- In line with our school policy and to ensure the safety and well-being of every child in our care, it is a statutory safeguarding requirement that parents and carers report the reason for any absence, including for children in nursery and reception classes. Although children in these early years settings are below the compulsory school attendance age, the school has a duty to monitor their attendance closely to safeguard their welfare.

Make up and Nails: We would like to sincerely thank all our families for working with us to reduce the use of make-up and false nails. We have really seen a positive difference, and your support is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, we are a make-up-free school. This means no lip gloss or tinted balms, false eyelashes, or false nails, please.

Community Parking Reminder: We would like to remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely and considerately around our school community. This week, the police have issued parking tickets and will be making regular appearances to monitor the situation. Please be courteous to our neighbours by not blocking driveways or parking on pavements. To help ease congestion near the school, we encourage you to use less busy parking areas further away, such as near the Red Lonning Community Centre—including the turning circle—and around Highfields, which often has more available spaces. From these locations, it's a short and safe walk onto the school site. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and respectful for everyone.

## Community:

Whitehaven AFC are looking for Under 9' Girls to join their teams. Please contact Joe on 07884231876 or Phil 07885219997

## Celebrations:

Isla (RW) took part in the Blackpool AAD awards day at the weekend for CDAC (Claire's Dance and Acro company) in their babes troupe which placed 2nd overall, she was one of the youngest in her troupe.

Well done to Ewan (Year 6) who achieved his bronze medal in swimming this week.

Congratulations to Letty & Mollie in 4H and Penelope in 4W who took part in the National AAD Troupe Awards held at the Blackpool Opera House this weekend with the Step By Step School of Dance and came first place.

## Golden work

Eryn in Year 5 for superb science

Corban in year 6 for superb multiplication strategies and supporting his peers calculating angles.

Orran (Year 6) for diligently working to improve his mental arithmetic work.

Emmie in year 6 for her wonderful writing editing and improvements in vocabulary

## Looking ahead:

WC 8th Dec- Christmas performances - see below

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.



JIGSAW
Cumbria's Children's Hospice




Calling all reindeer!

Santa knows who's been bad or good, so lace-up your trainers, pull the tinsel out of the attic, and get involved in our Reindeer Run to make sure you're on the nice list!

Jericho School are thrilled to be able to take part in Jigsaw, Cumbria's Children's Hospices Reindeer Run, and this is our chance to get into the Christmas spirit and have lots of fun whilst raising money for our local children's hospice.

Each pupil will get their very own set of antlers so they look the part as well as a sponsorship form from the lovely Christmas elves at Jigsaw.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have lots of fun whilst supporting a vital local organisation, so we ask each child raises what they can to take part. Everyone who joins us will receive a certificate congratulating them for being part of this fantastic fundraising event, but, if we as a school are super fundraisers and raise an average of £10 per pupil, all runners at school will receive a much coveted reindeer run medal!

We will be holding our Run during the last week of the Christmas term. Children will complete their run within their year group or classes.

To hand in your sponsor money, simply bring your collected money back to the school along with your completed sponsor form (don't forget to tick the Gift Aid if eligible!). We ask that all donations and completed sponsor forms are handed back to school on Friday 16th January.

As well as traditional sponsor forms, the Jigsaw elves have also set us up with our very own online fundraising page, https://www.justgiving.com/page/jigsaw-hospice-jericho Remember to include in your message the name of your reindeer so that the school can see who has donated online! If you use the online form, please still return you sponsor form to school indicating on the form how you have returned your collection- online or cash so the elves can match them up for Gift Aid purposes!

Jigsaw, the only Children's Hospice in Cumbria, provide respite, palliative and end-of-life care to children and young adults throughout Cumbria and beyond. Its home from home environment creates a safe and loving space, in which children can be children, and families can create lasting memories together.

We know it's been a tough couple of years for everyone in many different ways, but we ask that those that can give to support families throughout Cumbria who need Jigsaw's support do what they can.

We are so excited to be able to take part, and hope that all the children are too!

Thank you for your support!