



Newsletter— 1st December 2023

Learning, growing and caring as part of God's family.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

John 15:5

Our Christian value for this half term is PEACE

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Cobie Newby YR	Cobie is helpful, kind & a good friend. He is good at hide & seek & as fast as sonic.
Finn Whiteley Y1	Finn is good at drawing, reading & is a good learner. He is a fast runner & a best friend.
Mabel Ellis Y2	Mabel is resilient, responsible & a good listener. She is kind & lots of fun.
Chloe Cooper Y3	Chloe is really helpful, a good listener, thoughtful & always kind. She loves reading & writing.
Ida Davey Y4	Ida is honest, kind & cheers people up. She is helpful, independent & good at football.
Riley Smith Y5	Riley is very determined & independent. He is kind, funny & a good buddy.
Gracie Hoogstins Y6	Gracie is considerate & full of kindness. She always tries her best & works hard.
Joel Dawson Y6	Joel has impeccable manners, is super helpful, hard-working & funny.

Nut/Kiwi Allergies

A reminder to parents that we are a nut and kiwi free school. It has been noted lately that some children are bringing chocolate spread sandwiches for lunch, such as Nutella/supermarket own brands. Please make sure that these **DO NOT** contain any form of nut at all. School promotes healthy eating and if you could use a different filling it would be appreciated.

After-School Sports Clubs

Lacrosse: Please note that there will be **NO** lacrosse club on Tuesday 5th December—please collect your child at the end of the school day or contact afterschool club for a place.

Football: Football with Coach Dan **WILL NOT** take place on Thursday 14th December. He has offered to run it on Tuesday 19th as well as Thursday 21st December. If you are unable to come to the Tuesday session, please let the office know.

Wrapping Paper

Does anyone have any spare wrapping paper they can donate for our Gift Room? It doesn't have to be full rolls. If you do, please could you drop them at the school office by Wednesday 6th—any donations will be gratefully received.

Worship in School

In Worship, on Monday, we thought about peaceful places and peaceful times in school. The Worship team and others from the classes shared where they feel most peaceful and then Mrs Walsh talked about reading being one of her most peaceful activities before reading a book about sometimes pushing ourselves out of our "peaceful" comfort zones. On Wednesday, we sang a round in four parts based on a song about peace. On Thursday, Rev Rebecca talked to everyone about Jesus being the Prince of Peace.

Family Worship Friday 8th

Family Worship next Friday will be in the morning at 9.10am due to the Christmas Fair in the afternoon.

Celebrating Life in School

Rehearsals for 'Don't Be Afraid' are going well—lots of happy singing in school! Christmas preparations are underway with classrooms looking very festive.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a donation for the Christmas Fayre next week—late donations are also welcome.

SCOT4ALL

We are holding our Christmas Fair next Friday (8th Dec) straight after school. The Year 6 children will have products they have designed and made during Enterprise week and staff will be working in the surprise room (children can bring money (£3.00 per gift) to buy family members a present - max two per family, which will be wrapped ready for Christmas Day). **We do need some help setting up the hall and then on the other stalls between 3.20 and 4pm and from 4pm until 4.30pm. If you can help, please contact the office.**

Official Opening

Please see the invitation for details – all members of our school community are welcome. We would really appreciate cakes (labelled and without nuts or kiwi) for the refreshments – shop bought or homemade. Thank you.

Future Dates			
Date	Time	What	Who
4—8 Dec		Enterprise Week	Y6
8 Dec	3.15-4.20pm	Christmas Fair— see attached flyer	All
11 Dec	after-noon	Carol Singing at Ashton Manor	Y6
13 Dec	Lunch	School Christmas Lunch Pro-forma order form attached	YN-Y6
14 Dec	1.15-3pm	Extra Open Afternoon for Reception entry 2024	New Parents
17 Dec	Am/pm	Removal of the temporary classroom—the A6 will be closed whilst this takes place	Users of A6
19 Dec	6.15pm	Don't Be Afraid performance	Early Years & KS1
20 Dec	2pm	Don't Be Afraid performance	As above
21 Dec	1.30pm	Church Service	All
	3.10pm	School Closes for Christmas	All
8 Jan	8.45am	School re-opens	All
	1.30pm	Grand Opening of EYFS Unit	All

Mad Science Club	
<p>Dear Parents</p> <p>We can confirm that we've had a great response to the Mad Science After School Programme and it will be going ahead as scheduled on</p> <p>Fridays from Friday 12th January 3:10pm-4:10pm.</p> <p>There are just 3 places remaining so if you want to book you child on please book online at</p> <p>https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx</p> <p>or contact the Mad Science Team on office@madsciencenw.com or call 01772 628844</p> <p>Thanks</p>	

Advent
<p>It is finally December and we are becoming much more festive across school as we get ready for Christmas. We are sending home an Advent challenge, which involves twenty four things the children could do in the run up to Christmas. They can be done in any order (although making mince pies would be good just before the Christmas fair!) and some are longer challenges than others. Some can be done independently, others are more family focused. I would love to hear about some of the things the children are doing from the challenge sheets and if you can send photos of them for our school blog, I'd be very grateful.</p>

Online Safety
<p>This week's information leaflet takes a look at the popular Roblox video game. It gives information on how to stay safe when sharing, warnings about in-game purchases and much more.</p>

Don't Be Afraid—Tickets
<p>Tickets for the Christmas Production will be allocated and given to parents over the next week.</p>

Trophies
<p>Thank you to all those who have returned their trophy, however there are still several which need to be returned. Could all children who received an award at the end of the summer term please return them to school by Monday, 4th December in order that they may be presented to new recipients during the end of term service on Friday 21st December in the afternoon. Many thanks</p>