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Autumn Newsletter 6

Growing Together in Faith



A fantastic day at the finals!

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls who took part in the Athletics finals last week. It has been quite a few years since they last got to that stage in the competition and we are very proud of them as they worked as a team supporting one another throughout the different events including relays, speed bounce, standing long jump and javelin.

Congratulations everyone - we are very proud of you!





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Youth Village Visit

This week Year 4 and Year 5 have visited the Youth Village. They arrived safely on Wednesday and have had a fantastic time enjoying a variety of activities on their missionary adventure including team challenges and exploring nature. We look forward to speaking to the children on Monday to hear all about their trip!





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On Tuesday 20th December we would like to invite you to collect your children from class at 2pm and join us on the school yard with the Spennymoor Brass Band for a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

Further information to follow!

Hi Five Netball

Over the last 4 weeks, pupils from Year 5 and 6 have taken part in a Hi-5 tournament with Go Well. All pupils have worked as a team, they have shown great sportsmanship and improved in their skills. Miss Robinson has been so impressed with them.





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Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to all who donated towards our Poppy Appeal. They have sent a certificate thanking St Charles for raising



£345.25p



Awesome homework in Y6

This week Year 6 were asked to complete a piece of homework based on a topic of their choice. They created fantastic non-chronological reports about their hobbies and interests including technology, aeroplanes and various sports.





Babysitting Night and Christmas Craft sessions

On Thursday 15th December some of the staff from school are hosting a babysitting night so that parents/carers can do some Christmas Shopping. The plan is to keep the children after school until 7pm. They will have the opportunity to do some Christmas crafts, play games, watch Christmas movies and enjoy spending time with their friends.

The cost will be £10 per child and siblings will be charged £5 (payable in cash on the day). This will include a meal and a drink. The funds raised will contribute towards equipment for Christmas craft sessions. Please contact the school office if you would like to book your child onto the Babysitting Night - it will be on a first come first served basis.

The craft sessions will be an opportunity for you to come into school and spend some time with your children making Christmas Crafts.

The dates of the crafts are:

Friday 16th December (9:15am): Nursery and Reception

Friday 16th December (1:15pm): Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 19th December (9:15am): Year 3 and Year 4

Monday 19th December (1:15pm): Year 5 and Year 6

The sessions will take place in the school hall. Only 1 adult per child for each session.





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Class attendances....

Week Commencing 14th November – Well done Year 2!

Reception	94.8 %
Year 1	84.3%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	93.8%

Week Commencing 21st November – Well done Year 3!

Reception	94.0%
Year 1	86.7%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.9%



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Wreath Making

6th/7th/8th December

6:30 school hall

Includes everything
for a basic wreath
but you can bring extras

inc Hot Drinks, Mince pies
and Biscuits
TICKETS £15

Call: 07946106793
or contact us through Facebook





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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 6th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity at St Charles Church. 1:30pm
Wednesday 7th December	KS2 Nativity Story through song at St Charles Church 5pm
Monday 12th December	Nursery Nativity 2pm in school 2 adults per child
Thursday 15th December	Babysitting Night
Friday 16th December	Christmas Craft Day (9:15am): Nursery and Reception (1:15pm): Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 19th December	Christmas Craft Day (9:15am): Year 3 and Year 4 (1:15pm): Year 5 and Year 6
Spennymoor Brass Band 2pm	
School Closes for Christmas Tuesday 20th December	
School reopens Wednesday 4th January	





After-school care and Breakfast club.

Both our breakfast club and after school club can now be booked online. You can book up to 5 sessions at one time.

Breakfast Club: <https://forms.office.com/r/7sfcQ9NPbG>

The cost of breakfast club is £2. It starts at 7:45 and the children will receive a choice of toast, cereals and fruit.

After school club: <https://forms.office.com/r/FHWTuFfwXu>

There are two sessions available:

Session 1: 3:15-4:45 £4.50 per child (If your child attends an after school-club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £2)

Session 2: 3:15-5:45 £6 per child (this also includes a sandwich and fruit. If your child attends an after- school club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £4)

10% discount will be given for siblings and payments can be made via your child's ScoPay account.

*****Please note from Monday 7th November if your child is not collected by 3:25pm (10 minutes after the end of the school day) they will be placed into after school care for session 1 and this will be charged to your ScoPay account.**

*****From Wednesday 4th January if you do not cancel wrap around care (breakfast club and/or after-school care) because you no longer require it or your child cannot attend if they are unwell, you will still receive a charge. We have recently had last minute cancellations where the place could be offered to another child(ren).**





Reminders....

Earrings- lots of children have had their ears pierced. Please make sure they are covered on PE days. If not we will call you and ask you to bring a plaster to school.

Snacks – there have been an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps brought in as snacks. We are a healthy school please give your children fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps or sugary snacks will be sent home.

School meals to packed lunch – please can you let the office know in advance if your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa as the kitchen require some notice to adjust orders.

Car Parking – Please continue to park on the school grounds! Some of our neighbours have contacted with me with footage of cars across their drives. They have also sent them to the local authority as some footage shows illegal parking.

Reporting absences – It is vital that you call school if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the office before 8:55am providing a reason for your child's absence.

Payments – Please can you ensure any remaining debts from your Scopay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you need a link for Scopay please contact the office. Thank you for contributions towards trips, if you have not added a contribution for your child's trip this will be shown on your Scopay account to be paid before the end of term