



# January Newsletter

# 2020

**Happy New Year** to you and your family...

Christmas in school was very busy and we have certainly not dropped the pace in to the new term!

We had a very busy week last week, introducing **new topics** and opening our doors to share these with you on Friday – it was good to see so many friends and family in school with the children. It has also been great catching up with the children and hearing about their holiday.

We also had our term 2 enquiry, with the trust, when a team of eight colleagues from across the trust look into an aspect of our practice with us. The fabulous behaviours for learning of our children are always recognised at these events – well done to the **whole school team** for their hard work.

**Parents evening** is coming up at the end of the half term – details about appointments will follow soon. If you feel that you will require longer than the allotted 10 minute appointment please contact the appropriate class teacher prior to these dates so that the evenings can run smoothly and your needs can be discussed. Please join us for refreshments in the main hall, where Art Club will be holding a gallery event. Thank you.

The **Magic & Mystery lunch** takes place on Thursday this week, followed by an opportunity to come along and meet with staff from our caterers, Mellors, about our school meal offer – from 2.30 – 3.30 in the main hall – please come to the main entrance to register.

Please let the office know if you wish your child to have a school meal on Thursday (if they don't normally have a school meal). Remember if your child is in Early Years or Key Stage 1, this is a free lunch through the government universal infant meals scheme. We look forward to an exciting whole school event.

The **Welcome to 2020 disco** also takes place on Thursday:

Session 1 for children in EYFS and Year 1: 5.45 – 6.30pm

Session 2 for children in Years 2, 3 and 4: 6.35 – 7.25pm

Session 3 for children in Years 5 and 6: 7.30 – 8.15pm

We had the brilliant news just before Christmas that Mrs Crellin had safely delivered her two beautiful boys and that mum and babies had a happy, healthy first Christmas at home together. **Congratulations to them all!**

This week, it is with regret we say '**Goodbye and Thank you**' to Mrs Butterwick who is leaving us. I know that it has been a hard decision for her and we wish her well in spending more time with her family. She has been a much valued and respected member of staff and we will miss her.

As I have a **finance** visit shortly, I will be looking at outstanding debt this week. I understand that as family life is busy that we can overlook things, however, I urge you to check your ParentPay account please and address the balance as soon as you can. If you have any difficulties in that respect please contact me via the school office. As you will be aware school budgets are 'tight' and we need your support in ensuring we are not left with significant sums from

services used which we then have to meet. Thank you for your understanding.

We are appealing for toiletries this month for our '**Foodbank**' **Fridays**. Perhaps you have some things to re-gift from Christmas? We hope that you can support us – we know that the Billingham foodbank team, who collect our contributions, are very grateful for everything you do.

We are being visited on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February by a team from the **St. John's Ambulance** to deliver training to our Y6 team. As part of this, they offer an after school training session for parents and children – if you are interested in booking a place please contact the office asap, as places are limited. You will receive the year group **curriculum newsletters** this week and in the coming weeks details of some information for family sessions we aim to run this term.

**FYI -** We close school for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. School reopens at 8.55am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

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