



Newsletter

Friday, 26th November

Merit Winners

Well done to our 'Merit Winners' for this week. Certificates and prizes are well deserved and examples include: showing excellent effort during Assessment Week, showing determination during every swimming lesson, making fantastic progress with arithmetic scores, brilliant sentence writing using capital letters and full stops and excellent attitude and amazing confidence when tackling new activities!

Christmas Cards

Our EYFS and KS1 children have made and sent off Christmas cards this year as part of the HBC Christmas card scheme, delivering cards to the elderly. It is lovely for the children to know that they are spreading the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Cards in School

Children can bring in Christmas cards to give out next week should they wish. For cards for children in other classes or adults in school, these can be posted into one of our post boxes and will then be delivered. We ask that these cards are clearly labelled with name (including surname) and class (e.g. Y4LB). Thank you.

Xmas4schools

The deadline for orders is Sunday, 28th November. Thank you.

Attendance Award

The current winners are Mrs Sibly's Y3 class! Well done once again!

Y4 Fitness

Our Y4 pupils and two Y5 Champion Leaders have also received a great deal of praise for their conduct and attitude during Thursday's 'Fitness' sessions. Our Champion Leaders should be very proud of the leaderships they displayed, which showcased their mature outlook.

Parking

Please can we ask that you all remain considerate to local residents, when parking on the estate at drop off and pick up times.

Swimming

Y5 have now finished their swimming sessions this half-term and it was lovely for the staff and children to receive a thank you card from the bus driver! This was sent to acknowledge the pupils for being well mannered and polite, whilst they have been driven to and from Billingham Forum. We have rung the company and passed on our own for this wonderful gesture! Well done to the children (and staff) for being wonder ambassadors for the school.

Christmas Shows

DATE	SHOW	TIME	AUDIENCE
03.12.21	Nursery AM	10.00am	Nursery AM Parents/Carers
03.12.21	Nursery PM	02.20pm	Nursery PM Parents/Carers
07.12.21	Reception	02.20pm	Reception Parents/Carers
08.12.21	Y1&Y2	10.00am	Year 1 Parents/Carers
08.12.21	Y1&Y2	02.20pm	Year 2 Parents/Carers
09.12.21	Y3&Y4	10.00am	Year 3 Parents/Carers
09.12.21	Y3&Y4	02.00pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers
10.12.21	Y5&Y6	10.00am	Year 5 Parents/Carers
10.12.21	Y5&Y6	02.00pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers

Please see the highlighted times above. Instead of a 2pm start for our afternoon Nursery, Reception and Year1&2 performance. These shows will begin at **2.20pm** instead. Tickets costing £1 each must be paid for in advance on School money prior to each performance, and cannot be paid on the door (this facility is now live and if anyone has any login problems then please contact the school). We politely remind you that tickets will be limited to two tickets per family, per show, and not two tickets per child. No additional tickets will be released for these performances. Once paid for, tickets will be given to the named child the tickets have been paid for and sent home with them, so please check school bags. The purchasing of tickets will be monitored, and should you have more than one child in a particular show, and more than two tickets are purchased, the additional tickets will be cancelled, and refunds given. In the unfortunate event that we are forced to cancel performances all monies will be refunded (**please note that these performances may be cancelled at short notice depending on Covid and relevant up to date guidance**). Tickets are not interchangeable between performances and audience members must purchase tickets for the shows as detailed in the above table. **Due to child safeguarding issues would you please also note that no photographs or video recording will be allowed during the performance.** All monies raised from the performances will go directly to our children to give them even more wonderful experiences during their time in school.

Face Masks – Unless you are medically exempt, we ask that parents and carers wear face masks whilst in the school building. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Covid-19

As you will be aware, we have had to send out 'warn and inform' notifications this week following positive cases of Covid-19 in school. School must remain vigilant in striving to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our whole community. Many thanks to the vast majority of you for your supportive actions and positive feedback as we navigate these troublesome times. Unfortunately, a small minority of parents and carers have been verbally abusive to staff, if a child in school has presented with a potential Covid-19 symptom, and such abuse is unacceptable. We must reiterate that if a child has any symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they should remain at home and should get a PCR test. Please note: a negative result on a lateral flow test is not sufficient to prove they are negative, and it is not recommended that children below the age of 12 take lateral flow tests. We must continue to point out that none of this information is new and has been given out in various forms, and on numerous occasions over time. If a child presents with one of these symptoms in school, they will be isolated and must then be collected from school. If you chose to not take your child for a PCR test, then that is your choice. Not doing so, will result in your child needing to isolate and unnecessarily missing time in school. At this magical time of year, or at any other time, we do not want children to be absent from their friends and classmates.