

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you so much to everyone for their wonderful donations towards our Christmas Hampers and thank you again to those who bought raffle tickets, the PTA made an amazing £722!



PTA Virtual Sponsored Walk to Lapland!

The children in school did brilliantly to complete our virtual sponsored walk to Lapland! Thank you to everyone for your generous sponsors, £1270.50 has been raised so far for the PTA with some monies still to come in. We all enjoyed a festive Christmas treat in school to celebrate our achievement!

We would like to welcome Leanne Bell as our new parent Governor, she is a fantastic addition to our schools Governing Body.

£158.11 was raised towards the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.



Children In Need

You helped us to raise
£300.35 towards
Children in Need.
Thank you!





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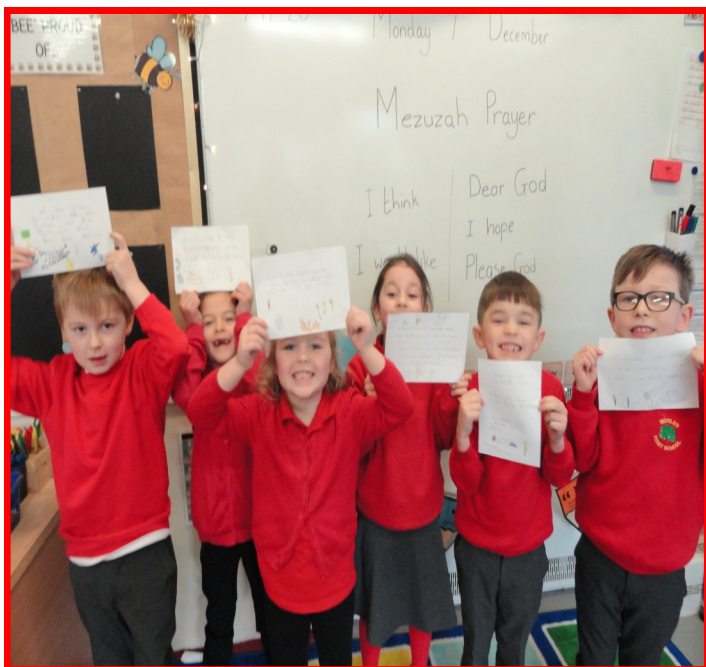


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Year 1 and Year 2 day—Judaism

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Judaism this half term. We learnt about Hannukah, wrote a prayer for a Mezuzah and enjoyed playing the dreidel game. The children really enjoyed our day learning about Judaism.



Christian Festival

Cherry and Cedar class took part in a day of celebrating Christian festivals.



Boogie Beats

Cherry class enjoyed a fun session with Boogie Beats. We danced and played Christmas games.





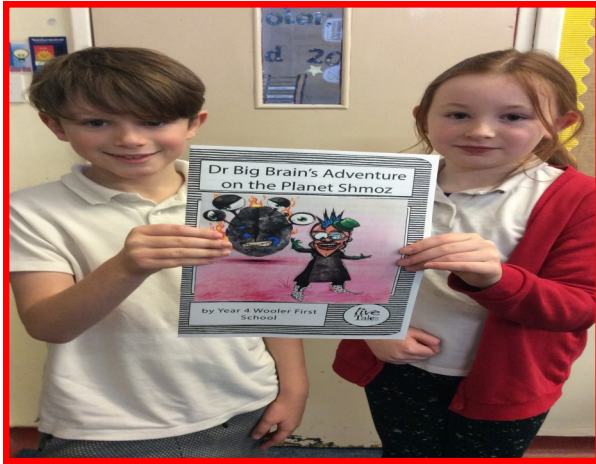
Gymnastics

Year 1 and 2 have been doing gymnastics with Mr Hodgson this half term. They have worked hard to develop their balancing skills.



Sewing Skills

Year 2 have been designing and sewing a Christmas bauble this half term. We have been developing our sewing skills which has required a lot of patience!



Live Tales in Year 4

Maple class have been working hard with the people at Live Tales to create a fantastic, creative writing story. The Live Tales Editor, Ms Roberts (who has in the past been overheard to say that children cannot write stories!?) was so impressed with the tale, that she sent it straight to her professional illustrators.

The Forest School classroom is now open!

We will have a proper opening when we are allowed but the children really enjoyed a special treat this week, following their fantastic efforts walking the steps to Lapland



Year 3 Rugby Coaching

The children in Willow class have had a great time this half term playing rugby with Dougie.





Religious Education

Willow class had great fun this term learning about Islam and Hinduism. We enjoyed special RE days and we learned about the five pillars of Islam and about Diwali. We tasted lots of different foods, looked at their special things and even had our own colour festival in the forest.



Nursery Crafty Fundraising

Little Acorns raised 184.50 with the baubles and oak class made 67.50 selling their homemade reindeer food.



Christmas Dinner Day

A huge thank you to the kitchen team and the staff helpers for a yummy Christmas dinner, the children enjoyed it and so did the staff!

Unfortunately Mrs Jeffrey slipped on a potato and broke her wrist - ouch! We wish her a speedy recovery and would like to say a big thank you to Jessica D-H for 'volunteering' in the kitchen for the last week of term.

Christmas Concert

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were unable to put on our usual Christmas show, however, the children, Mrs Humphreys and Mr D-H have been super busy putting together a virtual Christmas Concert for you all to enjoy in the safety of your own home which is available to watch via the website in the Christmas 2020 tab.

Christmas Tree

The Christmas season in school was signalled with the arrival of the school Christmas Tree, kindly donated by College Valley Estates.

Mr Pearce and Mr Lowery did their magic putting the tree up and it made a lovely backdrop to our Christmas Concert filming.



We would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout 2020.

All the staff and governors here at school would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year 2021

Christmas 2020 website link:

www.wooler.northumberland.sch.uk/website/christmas_2020/529103

The Importance of Breakfast

It has come to our attention that there are many children coming to school in the morning without having had any breakfast at home. Consequently they are often hungry and distracted in the morning learning sessions.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says that children who eat a healthful, well-balanced breakfast are more likely to:

- Meet their daily nutrient requirements
- Concentrate better
- Have better problem-solving skills
- Have better hand-eye coordination
- Stay alert
- Be more creative
- Miss fewer days of school
- Be more physically active



Without breakfast, our bodies don't get the jump start they need to operate at their fullest potential throughout the day. Encourage young people to make breakfast a part of their regular household routines. By helping children learn important concepts about eating breakfast, it will lay a foundation of eating right for years to come.'

Making Breakfast Happen

We understand home life is often chaotic and it can be difficult to make a healthy breakfast happen when you're rushing to get yourself and the children ready in the morning.

So try these practical suggestions to ensure that, even in a rush, your children get a good breakfast before they leave for school:

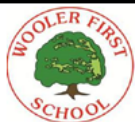
- stock your kitchen with healthy breakfast options (fruit, yogurt, toast, cereal, milk)
- prepare as much as you can the night before (gets dishes and utensils ready, cut up fruit, etc.)
- get everyone up 10 minutes earlier
- let children help plan and prepare breakfast
- have grab-and-go alternatives (fresh fruit; individual boxes of whole-grain, low-sugar cereal; yogurt or smoothies) on days when there is little or no time to eat

At School

In Reception, Y1 and Y2 there is a fruit snack available in the morning, however this should be in addition to their breakfast.

In Y3 and Y4 fruit is not provided but the children can bring in fruit from home to eat during their morning break (bananas are a great source of energy and are filling).

Teachers regularly talk to children about breakfast and if there are concerns that your child is particularly hungry or complaining about not having breakfast, their class teacher will be in touch to discuss this with you.



Academic Calendar 2020 - 2021



School Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Pupil Day
 Training Day

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020						
Mon	31	7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30		Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24			Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25			Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24			Thu	1	8	15	22	29		Thu		5	12	19	26			Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27			Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28			Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29			Sun	6	13	20	27	

January 2021							February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		1	8	15	22		Mon		1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		7	14	21	28			Sun	4	11	18	25	

May 2021							June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
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Science Shirts

Some of the children in school have not yet brought in a plain, white shirt to use in their science lessons. Please could you send one in with your child after Christmas.

Sickness

Please ring the school office by 9am to report your child's sickness and keep us updated daily. Thank you.

Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school office if you have changed your contact telephone number or moved address. Thank you.



Christmas holiday COVID email:

mrdeanehall@gmail.com

IMPORTANT COVID CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY INFORMATION



17.12.2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you all well and managing as best as possible in the present challenging times. I am writing to update you on the final arrangements for COVID procedures over the school Christmas holidays and for the start of the new term on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Firstly it is wonderful to have been able to get through the autumn term without a positive COVID-19 case across the pupils and staff of our three settings. As we disperse from school tomorrow to enjoy the Christmas period we will continue to need your help, support and cooperation in our work to keep our schools open and safe next term. It is really important that over Christmas, whatever the rules and guidance are from the government, that we all think very carefully about what we are doing, where we are going and who we are associating with. Being vigilant in all areas of our lives over the next two weeks is vital if we are to continue to suppress infection rates and to minimise opportunities for virus transmission. It is reassuring that so far everyone has been following these rules and it is vital if we are to keep the schools fully open next term that everyone continues to do so particularly over the Christmas holidays. Yesterday evening England's chief medical officer, Professor Chris Whitty, told the public to "keep it small, keep it short, keep it local, and think of the most vulnerable people" when gathering over Christmas.

The best advice is to consider that just because we can do something does not mean that we should.

If a member of your household displays COVID symptoms at any time you must isolate at home and get tested. Throughout the pandemic head teachers have been on-call 7 days a week to respond to Public Health Officers if a positive case occurs in children or staff in their schools. This expectation is continuing over the Christmas holiday period. Over the holidays I still need to be informed if your child develops COVID symptoms and that you have booked a test. I also need to be informed of the test outcome as Public Health test and trace will be relying on me to share with them details of any close contacts that may have occurred while children were still at school during the last week of term. I will also need to communicate key information with families if their child is identified as a close contact. To enable parents and carers to do this I have created a special email account solely for this purpose over the Christmas holidays. This is the only email that I will be monitoring each day so please do not use any other school email (including individual teacher emails) or the school phone number to communicate with me over the next two weeks.

Christmas holiday COVID email: mrdeanehall@gmail.com

It is also important that we know of any positive test results, isolation periods and pupil absence from school as term starts again in January. This information can be shared with me using the email above and can also be communicated to us directly via phone on Monday 4th January 2021 (training day). Staff will be in school to receive this information to enable us to start the term safely on Tuesday 5th January. All of our COVID secure procedures will continue next term and we will have more information to share regarding the announcement this week from the government about testing in schools.

From everyone here in school we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Keep safe

Mr Deane-Hall