



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,
Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is Article 31 – the right to play and rest. We hope that you and the children get plenty of opportunities to do so over the coming week and we look forward to their return on Tuesday 30th October for the run up to Christmas!

Spanish Visit

As part of staff continuing professional development, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Hilton are off to Spain next week to discover more about Spanish life, culture and the education system. The trip, fully funded by the Erasmus Project with Durham County, will also help us to embed Spanish, our new modern foreign language, into school.



Parent interview reminder

Letters/notifications have all gone out inviting you to make a request for an appointment to discuss progress and targets with your child's class teacher. If you haven't submitted your request yet, please do so today on the app as we will be allocating slots on the afternoon of our training day – 29th October. Appointments for Reception and Y5 are coming out tonight and the remaining ones will follow on Tuesday 30th October. We do want to see all parents and will happily work with you to find an appointment that will work for us both.

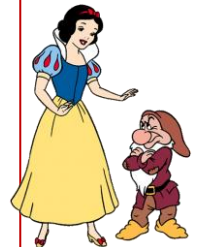
Blessing of the Poppy Net

All families and children are invited to attend the blessing of the Poppy Net which is now displayed on Ferryhill Town Hall. The blessing will be conducted by Rev. Lesley Sutherland at 5pm on Monday 22nd October in the Town Hall Gardens. Everyone is welcome to this very special event.



Snow White and 7 Dwarfs – Panto trip

Just a polite reminder please that the contribution towards the cost of our annual Panto trip on 6th December to the Gala Theatre is now being collected. Please pay the £10 requested via 'schoolcomms' no later than 31st October. We always have such a great morning....oh yes we do!



Christmas procession Friday 30th November

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Procession which takes place on Friday 30th November and it's a lovely start to the Christmas festivities – which will be with us before we know it! As always, we would love as many of our children as possible to join us for the procession which leaves St Luke's church at 4pm. If you and your child can come along, please meet us inside St Luke's for 4pm. This year there is a nativity theme to the procession and children are encouraged to come along in nativity costumes, if they can. Staff from school will also be there but it is important that the children are also accompanied by an adult. The children will be able to join other school children and teachers in the Town Hall Gardens for carol singing and the big light switch-on at the end of the procession. Could you please let us know via the consent form on the app if your child will be joining us and we can let the Town Hall administration people know how many to expect. This year there will also be two torch bearers in the parade - from each of the four primary schools and these will be chosen closer to the time.



Scouted Days next week

We have had an overwhelming response to the Scout-ed Activity days taking place next week and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy them. Please remember children need a packed lunch and appropriate clothing for outdoors. All places were very quickly filled but there are more days planned later in the academic year. It is great to be able to offer these free of charge thanks to funding from The National Lottery via Approach Too.

Ferryhill and Chilton WW1 Commemoration Book

Over the coming weeks, the Ferryhill and Chilton WW1 Commemoration Book will be held at Cleves Cross Primary. To commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War, we are asking our pupils and parents to record the names of people from their family who lived in Ferryhill and Chilton between 1914 -1918. These can be people who fought during the war or people from the home front and of any age. People are welcome to record stories or information (big or small) about the person too. Please add your family's details to our book and help us capture a little bit of history from our amazing community.

Sports Update

Football - Well done to the Y5/6 football team who have now completed their matches. They finished their league in 4th place so only narrowly missed out on a medal. The team showed high commitment and respect during their matches which was great to see.

Y5 Tag Rugby - Well done to the 10 Year 5's who represented the school this week at the tag rugby festival. They played exceptionally well and managed to win bronze medals for their efforts. They won plenty of matches and scored some impressive tries along the way!

Upcoming Events

November 23rd - Year 2 Multiskills event

There are also some new after school club opportunities on offer next half term too!



Training day – 29th October

Just a reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 29th October as we have a staff training. Children return on Tuesday 30th.

Year 3 Parent's Residential Visit Meeting 6pm

Nov 8th

Year 3 parents are invited to join us for an information session ahead of their residential visit to Kingsway on 22nd November. Rob from Kingsway will be here at school to answer any questions you may have. It will also be an opportunity to complete the forms required and find out about the organisation and details you will need for the trip

Tickled Pink disco

A very pink night was enjoyed by all! Thank you to DJ John for coming along and helping us to raise a total of £111 to be donated to Breast Cancer Care.



Samaritan's Purse Annual Shoe Box Appeal

If you're out and about shopping over the holidays, please give a thought to the children around the world who may not be looking forward to Christmas quite as much as our children are. If you can, please help us put a smile on the faces of children who will receive a Christmas Shoebox. Everyone is bringing a leaflet home today that gives you all of the details you need. Our friends from the Methodist Church will collect the shoeboxes we have filled from school on 15th November. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Year 3 Archaeological Day

As I write this newsletter, Year 3 are enjoying an amazing day with archaeologists from Durham University. Check out the photos on Twitter.



After school clubs

Activities on offer next half term are detailed below. The clubs will run from the first week back after half term for 6 weeks. Please request places via the app.

After School Clubs next half term – to **commence the first week back** and run for **6** weeks, leaving the last 2 weeks of term free for concerts etc. Children will receive a note (where needed) early in the week confirming if they have been allocated a place. We do want as many children as possible to enjoy after-school clubs and if a club is full, opportunities will be given to those who may not have previously attended activities.

Monday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Outdoor and adventurous activities – Year 1,2 and 3 (starts 5 th Nov)
Tuesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Eco Team – spaces available for new Key Stage 2 members
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Singing Club – special Christmas edition! Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tag Rugby – Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Spanish – Key Stage 2 pupils
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Infant Christmas Crafts – Reception, Y1 and Y2 welcome
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Cookery - Y1-Y6 – please apply again for a place and those on last terms
	reserve list will be prioritized	