



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th November

Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

Welcome back to a busy Christmas term. As always, there are lots of things happening across school and we will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website, app and social media pages.

With Remembrance Sunday this weekend, our Rights Respecting reference this time is aptly Article 30 '*Children have the right to learn and use customs of their families*'.

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A Christmas dates information letter will be sent out on Monday. Please read this carefully.

Contacting class teachers

In the past, we have had class emails if you have a query or concern for your child's class teacher. During the October half-term, we have switched, and our class emails no longer exist, as we are not part of Together Learning Partnership as we joined Melrose Learning Trust in June. You are now able to email the class teacher through the Compass app.

Antibullying week - 10th - 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying. It began in 2002 and is coordinated by the charity [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#). 'Odd socks day' this year will be on **Monday 10th November** and we encourage everybody in school to wear them on this day. The wearing of odd socks helps us to celebrate that we are all unique.

The theme for anti-bullying week this year is 'Power for Good' which encourages individuals to use their power to make a positive impact by speaking out against bullying and supporting others. The children will be completing lots of activities within their classes. Look out for what they are getting up to on our social media pages.

Children in Need - Friday 14th November



It is fitting that Children in Need is at the end of anti-bullying week. We will be supporting this fantastic charity once again this year and will take part in our own 'Spotacular' event at school! Children can come into school wearing spots on this day or Children in Need clothing that you have already purchased and bring in a suggested donation of £1. The clothing could be onesies, PJs or t-shirts. It is important that if children are wearing spots or Children in Need related clothing, that they do remember to bring in their donation. There will be plenty of spotty or Children

in Need related activities going on in classrooms throughout the day as well. Please do not feel like you have to buy anything new - sometimes homemade is best!

Switch off fortnight 10th - 21st November

This November our school will be taking part in the national 'Switch Off Fortnight' to encourage everyone to think about how we use energy - both at school and at home. Our fabulous Eco Warriors will be leading the way, and we will see how much energy we can work together to save!

Ferryhill Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on - Friday 28th November

Ferryhill Town Council are once again holding their Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on in a fortnight's time. This year, we will be meeting outside the Town Hall gardens no later than 4.10pm. We will then sing some carols with the other Ferryhill schools before the lights are switched on at 4.30pm. Only school staff members will be able to go into the gardens to accompany the children. After the lights have been switched on, the children will be handed back to grown-ups and they can then enjoy the rest of the festivities with their families.



Parent discussions

Most parent discussions have taken place, with the exception of Mrs Atkinson's Y6 group and some Nursery. If you haven't yet, or you were unable to make the specified time, then please email your child's class teacher through the Compass app and they will try and accommodate you at a different time. It is important that you do have a chat with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and targets. Discussions do need to be limited to 10 minutes to allow us to see everyone - thank you for your support with this.

School trips - annual Panto visit. Jack and the Beanstalk at Bishop Auckland

KS1 - Wednesday 3rd December

KS2 - Thursday 4th December



We have decided to go back to Bishop Auckland for our pantomime again this year. It will once again be in Key Stages. Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will go on Wednesday 3rd December and KS2 (Years 3-6) will go on Thursday 4th December. This year's Panto is Jack and the Beanstalk. The total cost including admission and transport will roughly be the same as last year at £12 per child. You can pay this online using the **Compass** app. Payments can be made up until the 2nd December.

After-school clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin next week and run for 4 weeks - this is due to the Christmas performances and parties taking place in the last 2 weeks. It is really important that if a child attends a club, that they do attend for the full half-term (which is only 4 weeks this time). We often have to limit places, and it can be frustrating when we can't offer a place to someone and then someone drops out. Also, the clubs often build to something, so it is important that they attend all the sessions. We do gladly offer the clubs for free and staff do give their time to plan and do the clubs, so we appreciate your support with this. All clubs will run from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Wednesday:	App club with Mr Hornsby	Years 3-6
	Science club with Mr Provan	Years 3-6
Thursday:	Booklet/Quiz club with Mr Blood	Years 3-6
	Christmas Craft club with Mrs Ferguson & Miss Daglish	Rec-Year 2
	Dance club with Miss Hodges	Years 4-6
	Choir club with Mrs Stamper & Mrs White	Years 2-6
	(This is for anyone who attended lunchtime choir)	

Clearway outside school

Just a reminder about the clearway outside of school. Please can you ensure that you park outside of the clearway and are also not tempted to just 'drop off' your child at the car park entrance. We need to be good role models to our children and uphold the law. It is just an additional 2-minute walk. We also need to be respectful of our neighbours when parking. Please do not block driveways and ensure that there is enough room for emergency services to get to residences.

Thank you for your support.

Dates to remember so far:

Monday 10th November - Y2 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 10th November - Y5 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 10th November - Odd Sock Day
Friday 14th November - Children in Need
Monday 17th November - Y4 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 17th November - Y5/Y6 Lego Engineering Workshop
Tuesday 18th November - Y5 Centre for Life Trip
Thursday 20th November - Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 20th November - SEND Coffee Morning
Monday 24th November - Reception Class Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 24th November - Friday 28th November - Y6 Grinton Residential
Wednesday 26th November - Blaze Pods Taster Day
Monday 1st December - Y3 Ferryhill Library Visit
Tuesday 2nd December - Nursery special Christmas visitors
Wednesday 3rd December - KS1 Pantomime Visit
Thursday 4th December - KS2 Pantomime Visit
Friday 5th December - Y2 Ferryhill Methodist Church Visit - Christmas Story
Friday 5th December - Nursery Stay and Play 9.30am
Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Performance 2pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Performance 9:15am & 5:30pm
Thursday 11th December - Nursery and Reception Nativity performance 9.15am
Friday 12th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December - Celebration Assembly & Toy Day

These dates will be added to the calendar on Compass as soon as possible

