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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you this letter finds you all well and safe. It is lovely to see the pupils eager to come to school each morning, learning, laughing and have fun in their bubbles with their friends and staff!

Christmas

As I mentioned in the last newsletter staff are eagerly and excitedly planning Christmas activities so that the children have a fantastic, fun filled Christmas whilst staying safe. We are also mindful to limit any additional stress and financial commitments to parents.

Presents for staff

I have been approached by several parents and carers expressing that they would like to buy staff Christmas gifts as a sign of their appreciation for their hard work this year. Please note that staff do not expect gifts and we know that Christmas is a difficult time financially for many parents. However, should you want to bring a gift, can we ask that they are only brought into school between the 11th and 14th December so that we can quarantine them in line with our COVID protection measures.

Christmas cards

We want to keep Christmas as normal as possible at school this year and this includes sending Christmas cards to our friends. Children will be able to bring cards in (if they wish) from the 1st to the 9th of December only. We have had to determine a fixed period so that we can implement all COVID protective measures to mitigate any risks. Pupils can post them in the class post boxes which will be located in the corridor near the hall. They will then be quarantined for at least 72 hours and be given to the children on the 14th of December. Children may wish to bring a bag on this day to carry all Christmas cards and crafts home. Anything received after the 9th of December will unfortunately not be accepted

Photographs

Our school photographs are due to be taken on Friday 27th November. Unfortunately this year due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to have photos taken with siblings who are already in the school.

Virtual After School Club and Keeping Active

It was lovely to see the Y5/Y6 pupils in both schools accessing Mr Gibson's Virtual After School Active Club on Wednesday. Mr Gibson looks forward to seeing you next week. For other year groups, Mr Gibson highly recommends the Youth Sports Trust Virtual After School Clubs. <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>
Children have also enjoyed participating in the daily mile this week.

Phonics Packs - EYFS/KS1 Pupils

Just a reminder that the phonics packs which will be personalised for your child can now be purchased from school for a cost of £5. If you would like a pack please log on to your ParentPay account where your order can be placed. The pack will then be made up for you and available from next week.

Have a great weekend and stay safe

Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Super Star

EYFS—Sienna Porter/Oliver Bonner
Y1/Y2—Percy Smith/Harrison Dignen
Y3/Y4—Elizabeth Lavelle
Y5/Y6—Cody Hall/Alfie Linton

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Eloise Woodward/Amber Williamson
Y1/Y2—Charlie Woodward/Martha Longbottom
Y3/Y4—Hannah Wells
Y5/Y6—Florence Tiplady/Heidi Mounter

Golden Quill

EYFS—Benjamin Malone/Daisy Dickinson
Y1/Y2—Emily Potts/Charlie Woodward
Y3/Y4—Maggie Wharton
Y5/Y6—Maddy Moore/Izabel Walsh

Maths Award

EYFS—Thomas Hosker/Bobby Wharton
Y1/Y2—Azeem Ahmed/Marielle Corrigan
Y3/Y4—Olivia Seed
Y5/Y6—Lucia Huntington/Joshua Laughton

Reminder of Drop off and Collection times

Early Years

Drop off: 9.05am-9.15am
Collection: 3.05pm

Years 1 and 2

Drop off: 8.55am-9.05am
Collection: 3.15pm

Years 3 and 4

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am
Collection: 2.55pm

Years 5 and 6

Drop off: 8.45am-8.55am
Collection: 2.45pm

St Peter's Elwick News

We are honoured to have been part of the Annual Service of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. This service is usually held at Durham Cathedral but was held virtually this year. Children from St Peter's led the congregation of worshippers from Durham Cathedral and York Minster in the Lord's Prayer as well as those nationally and internationally who accessed the service via the Archbishop of York's social media channel.

Thank you to all the children who took part and represented our school brilliantly.

Sports Competition

In school we recently competed in a Town wide sports competitions set by the school games.

We took part in a number of events and got some fantastic results!

All the children worked extremely hard, giving their best to represent our school.

Freya Watson, Eleanor Theodosiou, Alfie Linton and Cody Hall all placed inside the top 3.

Children in Need

Thank you to all those who donated to Children in Need, we managed to raise £76.

It was lovely to see the children excited to come to school 'out of uniform' and participating in the school led 'Children In Need' activities.

I would like to thank parents/carers for following guidelines and ensuring that individuals who are displaying one or more of the symptoms of Coronavirus must NOT enter the school premises and working with school by informing us immediately if your child is displaying symptoms . This helps to keep our children , staff and school community safe.

Dates for your diary and other information.....

Friday 27th November—Full School—Pupil Photographs—Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to have photos taken with siblings who are already in the school.

Friday 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day/School Games—All Pupils—We would like to invite pupils to come to school in either a Christmas jumper, create their own Christmas outfit (e.g. wear some tinsel) or if they would prefer, come in their own clothes. **Due to the current restrictions we do not want our families worrying about buying new things for the children to wear, so they can come in whatever they wish.**

Thursday 17th December—All Pupils—Christmas Dinner and Dress Down Day— Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes or if they wish something Christmassy. If your child does not currently have a school meal and would like to have a Christmas dinner, please contact the school office by the 4th December.

Thursday 17th December—All Pupils—Christingle Service—The service this year will be held in school for children only.

Friday 18th December—All Pupils—Polar Express themed PJ Day —All pupils and staff can come into school wearing their favourite pyjamas. We are going to have a fun filled day watching Christmas movies and playing party games. Children are welcome to bring in a snack/treat.

Friday 18th December—All Pupils—School Closes at the end of the normal school day.

Tuesday 5th January—All Pupils—School reopens

Please ensure that you inform school if there are any changes to your child's medical needs or to your contact details. You must also keep your contact details up to date with ParentPay.

If you need support or any further information please do not hesitate to contact school via the Info.elwick@nilt.co.uk.

Parents/carers wishing to speak with Mrs Hill at any time should contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time.