



Christmas Fair 12th December

Thank you to the people who made it to the friends of school meeting on Wednesday night. I understand how difficult it can be to attend things like this and juggle work and child care commitments. If ever you can't make it to a meeting, you are always welcome to help out at events throughout the year. We really appreciate the support.

On Wednesday, we discussed the Christmas fair and how to make it a little different this year. We will be having our ever popular bottle tombola but this year having a teddy tombola and a chocolate/ sweets tombola. We are hoping to offer a Santa experience and I am making enquiries to see if Santa could visit us here at Byers Green on the day of our fair! We are taking the whole of Friday 12th December as a Christmas extravaganza day. Children can pay £1 to come to school in non-uniform. We will host Elfridges in the morning. For those of you who are new to our community, Elfridges is a shopping experience for the children where they can choose a gift for a loved one. The gifts are priced at £1, £2 and £3. The children get to visit the in-school shop and wrap their gift with the help of our Friends of School volunteers and older children and bring it home to give to a loved one. We always find it such a heart-warming thing to do for the children to get joy from giving to others.

We are writing to you early to ask for donations of bottles, teddy bears, small gifts (to sell in Elfridges) and raffle prizes. If you know of any companies who might donate prizes, please ask us for a letter, which could be used to show them as proof it is to help us out.

We are opening the fair up to the community so if you would like a table, we are charging £15 for a stall.

One thing we are starting early is a Christmas scratch card. The card has 150 squares and we are selling them at £5 each. The cash prizes are £150 for first, £100 for second and £50 for third. By doing this, if we sell all squares, it would create £450 for school fund and £300 in prizes.

Anti-bullying Week 10th – 14th November

We will celebrate Anti-bullying week in school from Monday 10th until Friday 14th November where the children will take part in assemblies and class based learning. On Friday 14th, we are inviting children to wear whatever they wish to celebrate being their unique self. They can have a crazy hair style, wear a costume, wear non-uniform or mix-match clothes – whatever makes them happy and they will know that they will gain acceptance from everyone. Issues in the park were discussed and while we can't get involved with matters outside of school, we can support a kind and caring approach and guide children to make positive choices.

On Friday 14th November, weather permitting, we are going to visit the park in Byers Green and support and encourage positive friendships and games in this shared space. We will discuss strategies for handling falling out and discuss ways of getting along with everyone.

Children in Need

Children in Need is also on Friday 14th November so we wondered if children could bring a £1 donation for our non-uniform mix-match day and this will be donated to Children in Need.

PE Days

This term PE is as follows:

Please can children come to school on their PE day dressed in PE kit. PE kit comprises of navy joggers and jumper /hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can all hair be tied back and all jewellery be removed. Please wear plain or school branded items only. The PE dates for next half term are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 4 swimming at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Class 2	Class 3 Class 4	Class 2	Class 1
Class 3 PE				

Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

Date/time	Event
10 th November	Parents' Evening
11 th November	Parents' Evening
10 th – 14 th November	Anti-bullying week
14 th November	Non-uniform/ crazy hair/ mix-match day for Children in Need
11 th December	Whole School Trip to 'The Gift' at Glow Theatre, Newton Aycliffe
12 th December	Christmas Fair and Christmas jumper day
16 th December	1:15 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
17 th December	9:10 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 10:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
18 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas party day
19 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.	

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

G.E.Dodds

Headteacher