



### The Gift – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

We are going to Newton Aycliffe for 10:30 on 11<sup>th</sup> December to see the Christmas show The Gift. We will have lunch at school on our return. We have asked for a donation of £5 towards the cost of the bus. Spark the Christmas elf and Rudy Red the reindeer came to meet us all in assembly this week so the children have an idea of the characters they will see on the day. A flyer is coming out for families to book the event if they wish to see it again.

### Christmas Fair 12<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December we have lots going on in school:-

#### Non-uniform Day:

It will be a non-uniform day so we ask for a donation of £1 towards this.

#### Elfridges:

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. After the children have chosen their first gift, if there are still things left over and children have more money, they can choose a second or third gift. This is something we will gage on the day.

#### Fair 3:30 – 5:00

This year, we are opening the fair up to the community so if you would like a table, we are charging £15 for a stall. There will be some crafts on sale and games to take part in. We will have our bottle tombola and this year we will have a children's tombola with teddy bears and chocolate. There will also be refreshments available in Class 4. Santa is visiting us this year and we hope he can use our Gazebo as a space to meet our children. This will be charged at £3 per family. We will organise a booking system for this so families aren't queuing for too long.

3:30 – 4:00 Class 1 and 2 (and their siblings)

4:00 – 4:30 Class 3 (and their siblings)

4:30 – 5:00 Class 4

Further information to follow.

#### Donations and Support:

If you have any donations of bottles, teddy bears or chocolate, we would be really grateful to receive them in school as soon as possible. Thank you so much for the donations so far – we really appreciate it. We have a large selection of raffle prizes including wine and chocolates, a £50 cash prize and a family pass for a day out at Adventure Valley. If you would be able to help out at any point on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, please let us know and you would be welcome to help and enjoy this day with the children.

#### Guess the name of the Elf:

The scratch card is now in reception with 150 squares which we are selling for £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.

### Church events

Reverend Barbara is visiting school next week to complete a Christingle workshop with Class 1 and 2. A leaflet about Messy Church has accompanied this newsletter. This is taking place in St David's church in Tudhoe. St. Peter's Church is also holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival at 6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Families and members of the community are invited with their children to enjoy a celebration together.

## Christmas Shows

Rehearsals for our Christmas shows are well under way! Class 3 and 4 will be treating us to 'Lights, Camel, Action, The Sequin' and Class 1 and 2 will be showcasing a play called A Bundle of Joy. Tickets will be available from the office from the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December. Wider family are allowed to join us due to us having small numbers and capacity in the hall! Please let us know how many tickets you need.

## Christmas dinner and Christmas party day

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the kitchen will be making our delicious Christmas Dinner. If your child is usually on packed lunch, they are more than welcome to request a dinner that day. Dinners are charged at £2.95 so if you would like your child to have lunch that day, please inform Mrs Blenkiron. Children are invited to come to school in party clothes or Christmas jumpers. Party games will be played throughout the day.

## Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

Date/time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to 'The Gift' at Glow Theatre, Newton Aycliffe
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair and Christmas jumper/non-uniform day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	1:15 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
17 <sup>th</sup> December	9:10 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 10:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas party day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays
<b>More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.</b>	

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

Kind regards,

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