

Thank you for all your food contributions to the Harvest Festival celebration at St Cuthbert's church. It was great to see the church packed and the children on fine singing form! We have had lots of visitors this term including world war experts, Operation encompass and Ofsted. The Ofsted report will be published later this month and we are unable to share outcomes until they have been verified. I can say that the children were amazing, as always! Please read this newsletter carefully to keep up to date with what's happening this term and keep an eye out for any changes to information on our school website and facebook pages.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Bruce ☺



### Attendance

Reception class won the Rocket Race!!! It's the first time I have seen Reception class win so very well done to pupils and their families for getting them into school everyday. Mrs Donaldson is planning a trip to the park to celebrate on: Thursday 14th November (weather permitting!)

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have been vigilant in phoning up to let us know that your child will be absent. This helps enormously with our record keeping. Despite the first term bugs, coughs and colds we have maintained our super attendance rate of 96.1%. Thank you for your continued support.



Our Safeguarding Schools liaison officer, Karen Kirkbride, is coming to do an emotions and empathy PSHE session with year two. This is part of our work with Northumberland police in partnership to safeguard pupils against future domestic abuse, with early

intervention.

There will be a drop in session where parents can speak with Karen to seek advice regarding domestic abuse, request an onward referral to domestic abuse support services or alternatively make a report to the Police. This will take place at **8:30am on Wednesday 6th November**. Please call in on that date at 8:30am - no appointment necessary or alternatively let Mrs Bruce know you would like to speak to Karen.



Don't forget, Frances from the Dry Water Arts centre is coming to work with parents, carers and pupils on **Thursday 6th November** straight after school to make props for Amble's torchlight procession on November 17th. All families

welcome. Please let Miss Nowak know, if you haven't already, that you intend to come so that Frances can bring enough resources!



We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Henderson this week as she starts her new job. Thank you for all your hard work- you will be missed! Miss Wilkie will now run after school club Monday to Thursday and Mrs S Brown will be running the breakfast club. **Due to**

popular demand the breakfast club will run from 8am from Monday 11th November.



Thank you to all PTA members for an amazing Halloween disco! The kids costumes were amazing!

The pumpkin competition was also great fun, families had made a lot of effort to enter. Well done to Aidan, Millie, Francesca, Lola, Joe and Amelie for being voted the winning pumpkins!



Movie Night

Movie night is back! The children are invited to stay behind after school **until 5.00 pm** for a choice of movies. The children choose the movies nearer the date and for the price of £4 get juice and a snack. If you would like your child to attend the November movie night, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and put it in an envelope with £4 and your child's name and movie night written clearly on the front!

**November Movie night - Thursday 14th November**



Christmas Fair

The PTA Christmas fair will be held on **Friday 6th December**, starting at **2:00pm**. Parents and carers can pick children up from their class **from 2:00pm** and enjoy the Christmas fun including Santa's grotto, tombolas, a raffle and children's crafts.

We are going to run our non - uniform days on the following Fridays in return for a donation to the Christmas fair:

**Friday 8th November** - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our smellies tombola (bubble bath, body lotion etc..)

**Friday 22<sup>th</sup> November** - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our chocolate tombola

**Friday 29th November** - Non - uniform in return for a donation to our bottle tombola



This is to make way for Children in Need on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

All the children are invited to dress in Pudsey clothes, in spotacular fashion or just have fun in non-uniform. Please bring a donation (suggestion £1) for the Children in need cause.



Anti bullying week

**Tuesday 11th November**

Lots of dressing up this term! On **Tuesday 11th November** as part of our anti-bullying week we would like all pupils to come into school with odd socks on! This is a nationally recognised campaign to remind pupils in a simple and fun way that we celebrate differences.



**Parent Assemblies** – Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning in year group assemblies – this term we are going to run them on Monday afternoon at 2:45pm

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 2**

**December 2nd – Year 3**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 1**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> – Reception**



### **Christmas Performances**

**Early years (Reception and Nursery) – Monday 16th December – 9:30am – in the school hall**

**KS1 and KS2 (Y1,2,3,4) – Thursday 12th<sup>th</sup> December at St Cuthbert's church**

First show – 9:30am

Second show – 1:30pm



### **Remembrance Service**

The school council from each class and year 3 and 4 are going to attend the Remembrance Day memorial on Monday 11th November at the Town square. This is covered by our local walks permission but please inform the class teacher or the school office if you do not wish your child to attend. We would love extra support from parents to walk down and join us. We will leave Amble First at 10:20am. Please let Mrs Bruce or the class teachers know if you can help

Best wishes from,

*The Amble First School Team*



## *Permission slip*

### **Open to children from Reception to Year 4**

Come to Movie night on Thursday 14th November.

You will be able to choose from 3 different films. Choice of movie will be voted for nearer to the night.

For just £4, stay after school on Thursday until 5:00 pm and watch a movie with your friends. Juice and a snack is included in the price.

For your ticket to the movie night of the year, complete the reply slip below and put it in an envelope with £4.

Label the envelope clearly with your child's full name and class and hand it in to Miss Nowak or your child's class teacher. Please return to school in a labelled envelope.

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name of child + year group)

to stay behind after school until 5:00 pm on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>  
for Movie night.

Name of adult collecting your child and their relationship to your  
child \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or carer)

