



# December Newsletter 2019



Another action packed half term! A big thank you for all the donations to the Christmas Fair. You have been so generous. The PTA are working hard behind the scenes to prepare a fun filled fair. We are delighted that our new reading books and reading tree shelves are here, they look fantastic! Again huge thanks to the PTA and everyone who contributed to the Sponsored obstacle race in the Summer Term for providing us with the money. The children love them and will be bringing our new phonic books home from next week. In school the children have already begun practising for our Christmas play and we are excited about sharing it with you all!

## PTA - Dragon's Den

In October the PTA members held a Dragon's Den to see what each class needed. Pupils were invited to pitch for money for new classroom equipment and experiences. This is what they asked for:

Nursery- story sacks

Reception - book shelves

Year 1 - phonic games and books

Year 2 - science lab, maths counters and books

Year 3 - Ipad t- shirts

Year 4 - class reading books

The PTA are hoping to raise enough money at the Christmas Fair to make these wishes come true!



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.



Year Three are running a Christmas Cafe this year at the fair. Any donations of cakes\ mince pies or biscuits gratefully received on Friday morning.



**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.

**Christmas party day** Each key stage are having a Christmas party day! Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes and bring a named party plate with party snacks on.

**Monday 16th - Year 1 and Year 2**



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**Wednesday 18th** - Year 3 and Year 4

**Thursday 19th** - Reception class (Please note Reception class are going to send their own letter about party arrangements!)



## Swimming

A new swimming term starts for years 1 and 2 in the Spring. Lessons will resume on Wednesday January 22nd (providing pool maintenance is completed). The cost of swimming stays the same at £4 per week which can be paid at the beginning of each week or few weeks in advance (£16 until February half term).

The last swimming for years 3 and 4 this term will be on Wednesday 4th December. If you paid for the entire term, the credit will roll over onto Summer term when KS2 will re-start their lessons again.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday 17th December. If you would like your child to receive a dinner on that day, please complete the form below and return it to school by Monday 9th December.

Children who are usually on school dinners don't need to return the form.

Have a Fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*The Amble First School Team*

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Please book a place for my child on **Christmas Dinner day** (17th December).

Please delete as appropriate:

- I enclose payment of £2.20
- My child is in Reception/Year 1/Year 2 and does not pay for lunch
- My child is entitled to free school meals

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



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## Pupil wellbeing

There are lots of ways school can help pupils who are experiencing any issues that may affect their wellbeing:



### ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Mrs Brown, our ELSA trained Teaching Assistant, has worked with lots of pupils this term to support their wellbeing. She works one to one with pupils and shares stories and activities to promote self-esteem, deal with issues such as parents separating, anxiety, anger and other emotions. The aim is to give pupils a bit of 'me' time and a safe space to explore how they are feeling and positive strategies to cope. Mrs Brown has now shared her work and resources with all of our Teaching Assistants in all Key Stages so that we can support more pupils. Please complete the form below, speak to your class teacher or Mrs Bruce if you would like your child to access this.



### Supernanny\ My School Health

Jane, our school nurse, comes every fortnight and is open to appointments to support parents and pupils with many issues including: behaviour, ASD, bedtimes, toilet training, anxiety. Please complete the form below or speak Mrs Bruce if you would like an appointment.



Our Safeguarding Schools liaison officer, Karen Kirkbride, is coming to do a friendship and relationships PSHE session with year one. 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 8th January 2020**. 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.



Our Teaching Assistants are also trained to deliver 'Rainbows.' This is a weekly programme for a small group of pupils who are coping with loss. This could be bereavement, or a parent separation. This programme will run in the Spring Term in small Key Stage groups. Please let us know if you would like your child to be supported in this way.

## Pupil Wellbeing 😊

**I would like my child\ children to receive support**

**Name of child\children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of support (please circle)**      ELSA      My School Health      Rainbow

**Name of parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent:** \_\_\_\_\_



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Date and time	Event	Involved
December 2019		
Wednesday 4th December	Last swimming lesson	Years 3 and 4
Friday December 6th, 2pm	Christmas Fair	All pupils, parents, carers and their families
Thursday December 12th, 9:30am, 1:30pm	Key Stage 1 and Key Stage Two Christmas performance, St Cuthbert's Church	All pupils(Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4), parents, carers and their families
Monday December 16th, 9:30am	Reception and Nursery Christmas performance. School Hall	All Reception and Nursery pupils, parents, carers and their families
Monday 16th - All day!	Year One and Year Two Christmas party day	Non-uniform and a named plate of party food!
Tuesday 17th	Christmas dinner	Whole school
Wednesday 18th - All day!	Year Three and Year Four Christmas party day	Non-uniform and a named plate of party food!
Thursday 19th - more info to follow	Reception class Christmas party day	Please note Reception class are going to send their own letter about party arrangements!
Friday 20th. 3:15pm	School closes for Christmas	
January 2020		
Monday January 6th	Teacher Training Day	Pupils off school
Tuesday January 7th	School open	Pupils return to school
Wednesday January 8th	Operation Encompass drop in	Any parent- see newsletter info
Wednesday 22nd Jan	Swimming re-starts	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday January 29th	PTA Movie night	Open to all pupils Rec - Y4 Letter will be sent
February		
Friday 14th 3:15pm	School closes for half term	



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