



# Whalton School News

## Autumn Term

### 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## Whalton Village Show Donation

We have been very lucky to have received a large proportion of the profits generated by the Whalton Village Show and we are extremely grateful to Whalton Village Show Committee for kindly giving us £1500.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with the show, I'm sure you will agree that it is a fabulous event and one which the whole family can enjoy.

If anyone would like to become more involved in the preparation for this day or would like to find out more about sponsorship, please speak to Mrs Elliott.

## Thank you for all your kind donations this term



We raised £35.00 for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day and £16.30 for The Children's Society at our Christingle Service. The PTA raised £645.00 from our Christmas Performances. Well done, and thank you to everyone involved!

## Advent Food Collection



Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a local charity set up to help prevent and relieve poverty or financial hardship by providing food with your help.

Throughout the past year Wansbeck Valley Food Bank has been able to supply something in excess of 13,000 day's-worth of food to local residents.



None of this could have been done without your help and generosity of food donations. We would like to say a big thank you to students, parents and grandparents for all the kind donations sent it to school for this worthy cause.

## School Christmas Performances

We were delighted to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at our Christmas performances this year.

The children sang beautifully and how confidently they said their words. We were all royally entertained by their talents! Well done to all and thank you so much to all those who helped us to put together such a fabulous play and also to those who helped us to tidy up and put everything away!

Thank you to our PTA for all your hard work before and after the performances, organising raffle prizes and providing us with some delicious refreshments.

## Snow Queen Travelling Theatre Visit and Federation Christmas Party

This was a fantastic day! The children did not stop! They were treated to a funny but heart-warming story of friendship. A delicious party lunch was provided by Fiona and Mrs Lamb from Longhorsley and there was much fun and giggling at each year group's party with our Federation friends.

## New Year Community Lunch - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The deadline for returning your child's New Year Family Lunch reply slip has now passed. If you have missed the deadline and would still like to book a place please can you let school know when we return to school after the Christmas break by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Reading Parents/Grandparents

Now we have the brand new books and a great system ready to start in the New Year, we would love to begin again our 'Reading



Parents' group. Ideally we would like this to happen after drop off on Wednesday mornings. If you are able to give some time - just an hour or so from 9 until 10, we would love to hear from you. Please see Miss Johnston for more details.

## **School Office Hours**

Please note the opening times for the school office are from 8:30am to 3:15pm.

The office will be closed on a Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm - 3:15pm due to financial affairs.

Thank you

## **School Gateway Payment deadline - autumn term 2019**

Please note that all payments for the autumn term are due today. Please remember that payments for Swimming, Music tuition, Milk, Educational Visits and School Dinners must be paid in advance by the deadline date set up on School Gateway. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

## **Spring term 2020**

We return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

From all the staff and students at Whalton Primary School, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Dates for your diary -

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - Teacher Training Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - School re-opens for spring term 1

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - New Year Community Lunch 12 - 1:00pm in school

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - Family Church Service - 8:55am in Church

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020** - Safer Internet Day - Activities in school

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020** - Family Church Service - 8:55am in Church

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020** - School breaks up for half term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Teacher Training Day

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens for spring term 2

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - World Book Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - Sport Relief

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - Parents' Meetings: Pupil Progress Update

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020** - Easter Service - 2:00pm in Church

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020** - School breaks up for Easter

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