



Whalton School News

Autumn Term

6th December 2019



Children in Need Friday 15th November

We raised an amazing **£151.59** for Children in Need.
Thank you for all of your generous donations and support on the day.



Christingle Service - Friday 6th December

Thank you for attending the Christingle Service. It was a magical time.



Year 4 - Partnership Sage Concert

Thank you for returning your child's permission slip to school. Tickets for this event are available direct from the Sage: <https://sagegateshead.com/whats-on/the-learning-alliance-christmas-concert/>

Each year the quality of the performances has been extremely high and it is always a fantastic evening. I would highly recommend it to anyone who has not yet experienced it.

Change of collection arrangements -

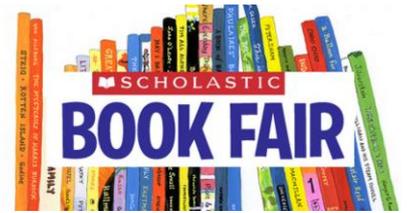
Due to the Year 4s early travel to the Sage on Tuesday 10th December we will be having our dress rehearsal in the Village Hall on Tuesday morning instead. Because of this, the children will be at school on Tuesday afternoon and so please can they be collected from school as normal that day at 3:10pm. To avoid confusion, here is a summary of next week's arrangements:

Monday 9 th December	Please collect your child from the Village Hall at 3:10pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Please collect your child from school at 3:10pm
Wednesday 11 th December	No Swimming Please collect your child from the Village Hall either after the performance or at 3:10pm
Thursday 12 th December	Please collect your child from school at 3:10pm
Friday 13 th December	Evening Christmas Performance - 6:00pm in the Village Hall (5:30pm for children to get ready)

The following week's arrangements are as follows:

Monday 16 th December	Christmas dinner for children. Christmas jumper day (please wear Christmas jumpers or something Christmassy) for Save the Children
Tuesday 17 th December	Snow Queen visit to Longhorsley and Christmas Party (please wear party clothes)
Wednesday 18 th December	Last swimming "fun" session
Thursday 19 th December	No Christmas party but Christmas activities in school
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Service 2:00pm in Church

Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 25th November to Friday 29th November 2019



Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our book fair! We raised a total of £412.60 in rewards for school. This will be used to purchase books and stationary rewards for the children.

Change of date for our evening Christmas Performance - Friday 13th December

Just a reminder, that due to the election taking place at the Village Hall, we have changed the date of our EVENING Christmas performance to Friday 13th December. Don't forget the Wednesday 11th December afternoon performance is at 1:30pm. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

Thank you for all the fabulous donations. The hampers look incredible. Please remember to return your child's raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of them.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Monday 16th December



On Monday 16th December children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy for a small donation of £1. This will be donated to the charity 'Save the Children'. Your donation could change a child's life. It could help them grow up healthy and safe, and get an education, so they can grow up to be who they want to be. Thank you.

Snow Queen Travelling Theatre Visit and Federation Christmas Party

We have decided to hold the children's Christmas Party on this day at Longhorsley First School. The arrangements are:

10-11:45am	Years Reception, 1 & 2 - Snow Queen at Longhorsley Village Hall Years 3,4,5 & 6 - Party at Longhorsley First School
Party Lunch provided by Fiona and Mrs Lamb (Longhorsley cook)	
12:50-2:30pm	Years Reception, 1 & 2 - Party at Longhorsley First School Years 3,4,5 & 6 - Snow Queen at Longhorsley Village Hall

The children may come to school dressed in party clothes (please make sure they can play in the clothes they wear!) This means that the Thursday party on the 19th December will not go ahead. Thank you.



New Year Community Lunch - Monday 13th January 2020

We would like to invite you to a 'New Year Family Lunch' in school on Monday 13th January. We are initially offering one place per family, due to the capacity of our hall and this will cost £3.50 per adult. We would be delighted to see you there! Letters have been sent home with children this week. Please complete the reply slip at the bottom of your letter and return it to school no later than Friday 20th December 2019.



Walking Bus

Walking Bus will be cancelled during the first half of the Spring Term due to the unpredictability of the weather. We shall resume on Wednesday 26th February 2020.



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.

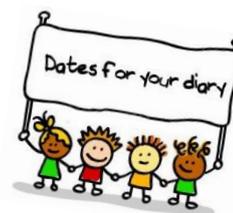
Thank you

School Gateway Payment deadline – Autumn term 2019

Please note that all payments for the Autumn term are due by Friday 20th December. 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.



Dates for your diary -



Friday 6th December - Christingle Service - 2:00pm in Church

Monday 9th December - Rehearsal in Village Hall - **Please collect children from the Village Hall at 3:10pm unless they are going into PAWS**

Tuesday 10th December - Rehearsal in Village Hall in the morning - **Please collect children from school at 3:10pm (change of collection point)**

Tuesday 10th December - 7pm Sage Concert for our Year 4 and Ponteland schools

Wednesday 11th December - Afternoon Christmas Performance - 1:30pm in the Village Hall

Friday 13th December (NB Please note the change of date) - Evening Christmas Performance - 6:00pm in the Village Hall (5:30pm for children to get ready)

Monday 16th December - Christmas dinner for children - 12 noon in school

Monday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day (donations for Save the Children Charity)

Tuesday 17th December - Pantomime - The Snow Queen with Travelling Theatre Group - Longhorsley Village Hall and Christmas Party for Federation children at Longhorsley First School.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Fun Day - the children will have already had their party on Tuesday 17th December. Normal school uniform day.

Friday 20th December - Christmas service - 2:00pm in Church

Friday 20th December - School breaks up for Christmas

