



Newsletter

November 2022

Toy Swap – Friday 18th November

You can now send in your pre-loved or unused toys/books/lego etc for our toy swap on Friday 18th November. As with the Clothes Swap, tokens will be given in exchange that can be 'spent' at the Toy Swap. Depending on how many toys we receive, you can also choose to pay for items at a cost of 50p each. We'll confirm later this week.

On the 18th November, parents can come along to the Toy Swap from 2pm to start the swap. Parents can then bring children along from 3.15pm at the end of the school day.

This is the first time we have held a toy swap and we hope you will support us.

Many thanks in advance.

Rainbow Raffle

Our School Council have discussed fundraising at Christmas and have decided on the great idea of a Rainbow Raffle! They are asking each class to contribute items of a particular colour that they will then put together to make a hamper. We'll then sell raffle tickets for the hampers (as well as other items) in the lead up to Christmas. The colours for each class are:

Reception – Red

Year 1 – Yellow

Year 2 – Green

Year 3 – Purple

Year 4 – Blue

Year 5 – White

Year 6 – Pink

We are encouraging everyone to think creatively and if possible, send in an item for your child's class hamper.

Any money raised will support school funds to purchase

Many thanks in advance!



We are supporting Feeding Families again this Christmas. Feeding Families is a charity based in the North East that offers support to those experiencing food poverty. Christmas can be particularly difficult for families, especially given the current cost of living crisis. We are therefore keen to support this charity. The items needed are shown on the calendars below, which suggests certain days for each food item. You can, however, donate any of the items at any point until 8th December. Please only donate if you feel you can. Many thanks.

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 Tinned vegetables Tinned soup	15 Baked beans Tinned spaghetti	16 Cooking sauce Pasta	17 Tinned tuna Tinned meats	18 Part-baked bread Chocolate spread	19
20	21 Hand wash shampoo shower gel	22 Jam Marmalade Peanut butter	23 Gravy granules Custard	24 Breakfast cereal	25 Coffee Tea	26
27	28 Chocolate Sweets	29 Festive cake Mince pies	30 UHT milk Squash			

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 White sauce Christmas pudding	2 Chocolate biscuits Savoury biscuits	3
4	5 Chocolate biscuits Savoury biscuits	6 Chocolate biscuits Savoury biscuits	7 Chocolate biscuits Savoury biscuits	8 Chocolate biscuits Savoury biscuits	9	10

Dates for your diary – Autumn term 2022

Please note, dates may be changed in light of unforeseen circumstances, although we will do our best to limit this.

13 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week – In school focus with children
Friday 18 th November	Toy Swap - From 2pm for parents/carers only From 3.15pm for children and parents
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – Non uniform and wear something spotty! Link for donations will be shared on Class Dojo.
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 24 th November	School Disco Reception/KS1 – 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 – 4.45pm-6.00pm
Monday 28th November	School closed – Staff training day
Tuesday 29 th November	Y6 visit to Centre for Life and Ice Skating
Monday 5 th December 2pm	Reception Parents invited to Christmas crafts with children in Reception class
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers
Thursday 8 th December (am)	Y2-Y6 visit to pantomime at Gala Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
Tuesday 13 th December (am)	Reception and Y1 visit to Gala Theatre – A Town Called Christmas
Wednesday 14 th December 10am and 2.15pm	Nativity Performance (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2)
Thursday 15 th December 10am	Nativity Performance (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2)
Thursday 15 th December (pm)	Durham Music Service string group to perform for children in school hall
Monday 19 th December (am)	Y1/2 Christmas party
Monday 19 th December (pm)	Y5/6 Christmas party
Tuesday 20 th December (am)	Reception Christmas party
Tuesday 20 th December (pm)	Y3/4 Christmas party
Tuesday 20th December	Break up for Christmas – Children return Thursday 5th January 2023

School holidays 2022-23

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Staff Training Day Mon 28 th November	Friday 25 th November 2022	Tuesday 29 th November 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Spring half term 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28 th April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 st July	TBC