



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Dear Parents,

Advent is upon us and Year 6 have helped me with 2 lovely assemblies so far to encourage the children to think about this special time of preparation in our liturgical calendar. In Advent we prepare for Christmas by thinking about ourselves, our actions and how we can be the best version of ourselves. We also try to think of others and try to impress upon the children how important it is to help others at this time of year. Our Christmas charity this year is Pendleside Hospice, which I am sure you will agree is a very worthy local charity. On Friday at the school disco, the Faith Ambassadors ran a stall raffling a chocolate bouquet which raised £100, and all the donations we receive today for Christmas Jumper day will also be given to the Hospice. We will also have a collection for the Hospice after our nativity and carol service performances. I thank you for your support with this.

Our lovely Mr Barnsley left us last Friday for pastures new. We gave him a big send off at the disco. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment over the past 5 years, not just his care of the school buildings but his care of the children. He gave up his time to coach the junior football team and take them to matches. We will all really miss him but wish him much luck in his new job.

Next week the children perform the nativity and the carol service for you. We are pleased you can attend this year however we have limited numbers slightly and ask you to wear a mask in school for these performances. We kindly request, as per DFE guidance, that adults complete a lateral flow test before attending if possible. Please contact the office for tickets as we cannot let anyone attend without one.

Mrs Forbes is doing her magic making up hampers as raffle prizes. Can I ask you to send in your donations as soon as possible - we need some more prizes for children such as toys or books please. If you require more raffle tickets then please contact the school office.

So far this term we have raised £465 from the Saturday Special and I would like to thank the staff who freely volunteered their time to raise this money for the PTA.

The cake sale raised £218.74 and the 'Buddy Stops' have been ordered and the Disco and stalls raised a wonderful £608.50 for PTA funds. A big thankyou to Mrs Doney our wonderful facepainter.

Thank you so much for your very generous support.

I look forward to seeing you at the performances next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

## **After School Club - Request**

Mrs Watson is kindly requesting items for the After School Club, such as:- Dolls, Prams, Dressing up clothes, old jewellery, old hand bags, Hair rollers, old shoes for dress up and a tea set. So if you are having a clear out before Christmas keep us in mind please.

## **Arty Fact Theatre - The Clockmaker's Christmas**

Arty Fact Theatre will be coming into school to perform "The Clockmaker's Christmas" to the children on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. A letter was sent out on Tuesday. Please complete and return the slip to Mrs Kendall.

### Nativity and Carol Service

Tickets are available from the office for both Nativities on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the Carol Service on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. (Maximum of 2 Tickets per event). We request that masks are worn by adults to all events, and where possible, a lateral flow test, before attending.

Please can all EYFS and KS1 children return to school between 5.15 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December so we have time to get them dressed in costumes ready for the 6pm start.

Please can all KS2 children return to school at 6pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, so we have 30 minutes to get ready for the performance at 6.30pm. *Many thanks for your support.*

### Christmas Raffle

Please return your Raffle Tickets or any unsold Raffle Tickets. We would be really grateful for donations of prizes for the Raffle. The Draw will take place the evening of the Junior Carol Service on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Life Education

Corum Education visited school this week to enhance our PSHE curriculum. The educator went into every class and led interactive sessions with the children on a variety of age-appropriate topics such as 'Taking care of myself', 'My wonderful Body', 'Feelings', 'Friends', 'Decisions'. Ask your children if they enjoyed it.



### Elf the Musical

On Tuesday, children from the after - school drama club performed scenes from 'Elf' the musical. They had devised their own scenes and incorporated acting, dancing, and singing into their performance. A big thank you to Mrs Wharf for all her hard work. During next term's after - school drama club, children will be working on 'Shrek' the musical.



### Football

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Year 5 and 6 football team went to Spirit of Sport to take part in a match for the Johnson Cup. It was a blustery day, but the team were competitive from kick off. It was a dominant display, and the final score was 6-0, with goals from Archie, Harvey and Hamza. Well done to all those involved.