

Pegswood Primary School News

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Children in Need 2021

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week. We managed to raise the fantastic amount of £224.25. Unfortunately, we didn't make Look North during the evening (unless it was a part when I wasn't watching!), but we certainly made a big impression on BBC Radio Newcastle. If you haven't heard that interview, the link can be found on our Twitter page.



Christmas

Tonight would usually have seen the start of the Christmas season with our Christmas Fair in years gone by. Once again, Christmas will look a little different in school this year. However, Christmas is certainly not cancelled! This year children may bring in Christmas cards if they wish to.

Christmas Parties

Each class will have a Christmas party, in the same way as they did last year. We will be asking for a small donation of food to be brought in from home on the day of your child's party. This should just be a small amount and certainly does not need to be enough to feed the whole class. If children would like to come to school in 'party clothes', that would make the day a little different for the children. Please ensure that all clothes and footwear are suitable to be worn throughout the day. Please do not send children into school wearing shoes with high heels. The exact day when your child's class will be having their party is detailed below.

Christmas Jumper Day

The official Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 10th December. On this day, if your child would like to wear their Christmas jumper to school, they may. It is normal school uniform for everything other than the jumper. Children may also wear their Christmas jumper on Wednesday 15th December when we will be having our Christmas dinner at school. Again, normal school uniform is to be worn apart from the jumper. For both of these events there is no monetary donation. If you would like to donate to the Save the Children charity, information of how to donate can be found on their website:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

Christmas Dinner

We will still be having our Christmas dinner this year on Wednesday 15th December. Christmas in school will again be a little different this year, but we are still having dinner! Please go online to order your child's Christmas dinner by **Wednesday 1st December**. Any problems, please speak to our office for help.

Reading Newsletter

The next instalment of our reading newsletter is attached, for you to read about what each class have been reading this week.



Recycling

We are thinking extremely hard about how we can help the environment on a day-to-day basis within school and the children have come up with some great ideas. As well as the obvious paper and cardboard recycling that happens in each classroom already, Mrs Vallons has created a display with her class in the main hall next to the lunchtime serving hatch, reminding the children the different ways in which we can help. We have set up recycling points around the school for various items. In the lunch hall we now have a recycling point for plastic bottles that may be in packed lunch boxes (like fruit shoot bottles) and one for plastic waste (biscuit wrappers or crisp bags). Those children that have milk are not throwing away the empty cartons any more, as we have recycling points in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to collect these in order to recycle. This also happens in the lunch hall when cartons of milk are served for lunch. The non-plastic straws are also collected, rinsed and put in our compost bins. We are also looking into creating our very own greenhouse made out of plastic bottles, in order to replace the large polytunnel. Mr Rea is researching and creating models of how to join the bottles together. Watch out in the (hopefully) near future when we may be asking for donation of empty 2 litre drinks bottles and plastic milk tubs. Obviously the bottle must be clean (especially the milk ones) and without the labels on. More information will follow.



School Admissions

If your child is currently in Nursery, admissions is currently open to apply for a place in our Reception class for September 2022. The closing date for this is January 15th. If you wish to have a place at Pegswood Primary School, you must apply before this date. Although it seems a long way off, please take 10 minutes to register online and apply for your place. If you do not, there is no guarantee you will be offered a place, even though you attend our Nursery. If you have any questions, please ask any of the Nursery team or our office. The link is below:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Diary Dates

Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Nursery Christmas party (no need to bring food in)
Monday 13 th December	Year 4 Christmas party
Tuesday 14 th December	Reception Christmas party Year 3 Christmas party Year 5 Christmas party
Wednesday 15 th December	School Christmas dinner Christmas jumpers can be worn Year 2 Christmas party
Thursday 16 th December	Year 1 Christmas party Year 6 Christmas party
Friday 17 th December	No Nursery School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 3 rd January	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 5 th January	School open for start of spring term

