

# Pegswood Primary School News

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December



## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair last week. Santa was kept extremely busy throughout the night in his amazing grotto and his departure by sleigh was even delayed. The teddy tombola appeared to be very popular and some of you may have found yourselves returning home with more teddies than you cleared out in the first place! Thank you to everyone who helped on the night or in the run up to it. A total of £718 was raised, which is fantastic, especially with all the illness that there was last week.

## Christmas performances – Early Years and KS1

We hope you enjoy our Early Years performances and our KS1 performances this coming week. Please can we remind you that there will need to be an adult to collect all children after the Key Stage 1 night-time performance. Please do not come before 1.40pm for the afternoon performance as the hall will not be ready.

## KS2 Christmas performances

A reminder that all Key Stage 2 children will be required on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for their two performances next week. Year 3 and 4 parents and carers are invited on the Tuesday evening and Year 5 and 6 parents and carers are invited on the Wednesday evening. These events have had to be ticketed because of fire regulations. Please can we remind you that all children will need to arrive at school on these evenings for 5.30pm and will need collecting at around 7.30pm from the rear playground by an adult. If you have tickets that you are unable to use, please hand these in to school so we can reallocate them.

If you require special access arrangements, please contact school prior to the performance.

## Flu Immunisations

As I am sure you are aware NHS nurses were in school on Monday to administer flu immunisations. However, due to changes in the consent forms, there were many children who didn't receive their immunisation due to the forms not being completed to the satisfaction of the NHS. Unfortunately, this was never made apparent to school and the first we knew of it was when we received the forms to pass onto parents asking them to phone to make an appointment at their local GP. We still to this day don't know what the 'incorrect' problem was. However, we do know there were 30-40% of the consent forms that were incorrectly filled in across the region. We believe through parents, that the nursing team will be returning to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. However, we have no idea about anything to do with consent forms and whether fresh ones need to be completed. We will keep you updated, when we are updated.

I am sure that the timing of the immunisations (early December – or January) will also be raised with the correct people. As a school, we would have much preferred the immunisations to have been given much, much earlier in the school year and if they had been, maybe the current two weeks of illness so many of the children have had may have been reduced.



## Illness

We have had a very similar week this week to last, although it seems to have moved into Key Stage 1 more. Each evening the school has been thoroughly cleaned, including door handles and chairs, as well as the normal places. Please can we reiterate Public Health England's advice that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the time they were last sick or showed symptoms. This way, the infections can be clear when they return to school and they are not passed on to others in school. Thank you for your help with this.

## Planetarium Visit

Our Year 5 children have had the opportunity this afternoon to visit Ashington Academy to work with some of the astronomers based at Kielder Observatory. This is because the Academy have had the opportunity to host the inflatable planetarium from Kielder Observatory for the week. This project is funded by North of Tyne Combined Authority and will give the children an amazing opportunity to hear from some of the astronomers that are based at Kielder and see some of the stunning night skies of Kielder brought to them in the planetarium. We hope it's not too dark for some photographs!

## Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper along with their school uniform on this day, they may. There is no donation for this to school, but if you would like to donate direct to Save the Children, it is easily found on the internet.

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the only option for school lunch on Wednesday because of the increased time needed to cater for it. If you can pre-order on School Grid (Live Kitchen) before the day, it would be extremely helpful for planning. If you are unable to do this, please contact school to let us know. Children can still order a Christmas meal on the morning, but knowing before-hand would help the catering team. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, please ensure the payment of £2.40 is in an envelope with **your child's name, year group** and **'Christmas lunch'** clearly written on it. Payment is not required if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as these children are funded by Universal Free School meals. If your child is in Years 3-6 and you are in receipt of Free School Meals, payment is also not required.

A menu for Christmas lunch is attached with this week's newsletter.

If children would like to come to school in their Christmas jumpers (with uniform) on this day, they may.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas event (Year 3 & 4 parents only - 6.00pm)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.00pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas event (Year 5 & 6 parents only - 6.00pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance (9.30am)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance (6.00pm)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance (9.30am)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	NO NURSERY AM
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Christmas party (1.15pm-3.15pm)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party (1.15pm – 3.15pm)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Dinner with Christmas jumpers
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
	Year 5 & 6 Christmas bowling
	House non-uniform day
	School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
	School closed for Teacher Training Day
	School opens for Spring Term

