



Ribchester St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

Calder Newsletter - Autumn 2

The start of a crazy half term leading up to Christmas!

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term full of rest and fun. It was lovely to see everyone back in school with lots of excitement and news on Tuesday. We have started to learn the songs for our Nativity and I'm sure your child will be coming home singing very soon. I'm also hoping to squeeze in a little trip out of school this half term linked to our topic of 'Journeys'.

Here are some dates for your diary:

- Friday 4th November - Open Afternoon 1 - 1.15pm - 3.15pm
- Friday 11th November - Remembrance at Cenotaph - 10.55am
- Friday 11th November - Open Afternoon 2 - 1.15pm - 3.15pm
- Wednesday 16th November - Height and Weight Check
- Thursday 17th November - PTFA Meeting
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need - non uniform day (donation of your choice)
- Saturday 26th November - St Wilfrid's Church Christmas Fair - 12 noon - 3pm
- Monday 28th November - PTFA Wreath Making Workshop - 7pm - Village Hall
- Friday 2nd December - Decoration Day - Christmas fancy dress or Christmas jumper
- Tuesday 6th December - Pantomime - The Grand, Clitheroe
- Wednesday 7th December - PTFA Christmas Fair
- Friday 9th December - Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- Sunday 11th December - St Wilfrid's Church Countdown to Christmas Workshop - 2.30pm - 3.45pm - Village Hall - Primary School children and accompanied under-fives.
- Sunday 11th December - St Wilfrid's Church Christingle Service - 4pm - All the family welcome
- Monday 12th December - Nativity Performances - 2pm and 6.30pm
- Wednesday 14th December - PTFA 'Child free Christmas Shopping' night (£5)
- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Lunch followed by Christmas Party - non-uniform day
- Friday 16th December - Christmas Service at St Wilfrid's followed by finish for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January - School reopens for Spring 1

Reading books

It is wonderful to see the children enjoying their reading books. I will continue to change them when returned with a comment/signature to indicate your child has read their book and is ready for a new one. I encourage all the children to read daily whether this is reading a few pages or asking questions about their book to develop their comprehension skills. The books are all phonetical using the sounds we have learnt. Please encourage your child to segment (sound out) and blend (join sounds) each word together. Please also encourage fluency as they become confident readers.

Coats

As we approach winter, please can I ask that your child has a coat in school **every** day. **Please can I encourage the children to try and learn how to zip up their coat.** If you wish for your child to have a hat, gloves and scarf as well, please ensure they are named and small enough to fit in their tray.

Nativity

We are starting to practice our nativity and have written our performance dates in the diary. We have decided to complete both performances on one day this year due to the way our holidays fall. There will be more details about our performances nearer the time but keep Monday 12th December clear so that you can come and watch your child. You will also have the opportunity for DVD purchases providing all parents give permission.

Christmas Film Night

On Wednesday 14th December, 3.30pm-5.30pm, the children can stay in school for a Christmas film evening. This is being organised by our PTFA instead of a Christmas disco. As part of this evening, the children can design and make a sleigh to sit in and watch the film. A few years ago, we introduced this idea and the children had great fun making a sleigh and bringing it into school. We have a few rules however to keep everyone as safe as possible. We would like the sleighs to be cardboard box size (fruit/vegetable box) if possible, for just your child to sit in. Your child can have one cushion/blanket for inside their sleigh, but it must fit inside as they will not be allowed to get it out. We request that the sleighs come into school on the morning of Wednesday 14th December, your child will then bring their sleigh home after the film.

St Wilfrid's Church - Christmas Fair and Christingle

On Saturday 26th November, St Wilfrid's Church are holding their Christmas fair in Church and the Village Hall between 12 noon and 3pm. There will be stalls in church with refreshments in the village hall, there might even be a special visitor!

On Sunday 11th December, St Wilfrid's Church are having their annual Christingle service (4pm) with a Christmas craft workshop free of charge beforehand (2.30pm-3.45pm) in the village hall. This is a lovely family event that definitely gets you into the Christmas spirit!

Class Dojo

I hope you are enjoying the updates I post on Class Dojo. If there is anything you would like to see more of, please let me know. Please continue to communicate with me through the private message section - please don't ever hesitate to get in touch - no matter how small you think it is!

Reminders:

- Spare pair of underwear in case of emergencies, this can be kept on their peg/in their school bag
- Wellies - these can be kept on our wellie stand
- Water bottle in school every day (no juice please)
- Milk - please complete the online form
- Fruit is provided

We had a fantastic first half term at school and I have no doubt this term will be the same. Your children have all been fantastic and have taken to the new routines with ease. I am very proud of them.

As always, you can contact me on Class Dojo or via email (n.cowgill@ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cowgill