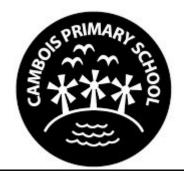
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Monday 27th November 2017



REMINDER

If your child is poorly you must notify the school office on the morning of absence or it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year we will be doing our reverse advent calendar again and we ask that when your child is chosen could you send in an item from home. Items included could be:

- Pack of biscuits
- **Toiletries**
- Small toy
- Food items (must be in date)

We will then make up hampers with the items and a family from each class will be selected at random to win this on the last day of term.

We are teaching the children about the value of giving and not always receiving so please support this cause.

Dates for the Diary—things coming up

Monday 4th Dec—Christmas craft afternoon (parents welcome)

Tuesday 5th Dec –Cinema evening 3-5p.m.

Thursday 7th Dec—year 5 & 6 at Newcastle Grainger Market selling products they have made

Tuesday 12th Dec—Christmas Fayre from 1p.m. (change of date)

Friday 15th Dec—Pantomime (some parents tickets still available if you want any)

Monday 18th Dec—Christmas service in church from 1p.m.

Tuesday 19th Dec—Christmas Dinner (change of date)

Wednesday 20th Dec—Christmas play from 1p.m.

Thursday 21st Dec—Green trip to Woodhorn ice skating

Friday 22nd Dec—Christmas party and break up at 12.30p.m.

Christmas Fayre

We still need bric -a- brac, tombola prizes and raffle prizes for the Fayre. We hope to see you there from 1p.m.

The children and PTA have some wonderful things for you to buy in time for Christmas. If you cannot attend we will ensure your child can go around the fayre.

REMINDER

Have you signed your child up for cinema night next Tuesday from 3-5p.m?.For Reception—year6 children

New System for letters—please read carefully

You may have noticed we have changed our system for trips and how we ask permission for things.

I am aware that sometimes you are not told soon enough about trips. Obviously some things are organised last minute and we cannot help this but we are now making sure that we let you know quicker about pre-booked visits.

In light of recent changes to safeguarding we are now asking parents to sign a small permission slip to give their consent to the children going out of school. All trip letters will look the same now and contain the basic information you need about the trip. If you do not return your trip letter then *unfortunately your child will not go on the visit*. We will not be ringing around asking for permission so you must ensure that you check your child's bag and send back the permission slip. Any contributions for the trip must be given to the child to give to their class teacher. Teachers have been told about checking book bags and asking the children. This is to save much wasted time at the office and cut down unnecessary administration tasks.

For short visits like the church, walking around the local area or visits to the High School we are covered on the short visit permission slips. Green trips will have the slip on the bottom of the green letter so you can send that back in.

Friday 8th Dec

On this day it will be a non-uniform day. Rather than a payment we ask for donations of chocolate for the fayre or tombola prizes.

We appreciate your support.

Melanie Hudspeth is our new Chairperson of the PTA. They have regular meetings and you will be informed of these via the school Facebook page and texts. We need new people to help in any way so please try to come along to their meetings. Remember the PTA works in the best interest of all children in school. Miss Taylor is the staff representative on the PTA so feel free to speak to her or Melanie for more information.

Pupil of the week on Friday was Ayva Coakley for having a super improved attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Ayva. Christmas Craft afternoon next Monday 5th Dec

Please let us know if you are coming along to take part in the Christmas Craft. We have range of lovely things to make. £2 an item.

Children can bring in their own money to decorate something if you cannot attend.

Tea, coffee and mince pies are available for the adults.

Items you can make include,; baubles, Christmas mugs and tree decorations.