



Cowling Community
Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 4th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is certainly beginning to look much more like Christmas today with snow falling in the playground and our Christmas tree standing proudly in the school hall. Pendle and Sharp Haw classes are busy rehearsing their nativity which will be filmed and sent to parents and carers in the final week. Please can Pendle children bring their Christmas outfits in on Thursday next week.

While it is a real shame we are not able to invite our families into the school hall as normal I am sure families will love seeing their children bring the Christmas story to life on film. Maybe we have some Oscar winners of the future amongst us?!

The children love to send one another Christmas cards and this year we ask that your child puts their cards into a class postbox and letters will be distributed on a Monday. Many thanks.

Overleaf you will find details of the winter grant scheme - please do get in touch if this is something which could benefit your family.

Well done to all our Year 2 children who completed the national Phonics Check this week. This is a test set by the Government which usually takes place in Year 1 but in 2020 was missed due to lockdown. We believe reading is the key to success at primary school and we are delighted with how well the children did. Thank you to all the families for supporting their children with reading at home—it really does make such a difference. Your child's Y2 phonics result will be in your child's area on Google Classroom on Monday. If you have any questions please get in touch with classteachers.

There have been changes to national statutory assessments this week. The following tests will go ahead in 2021: Year 1 phonics check, Year 6 reading and maths tests, Year 6 teacher assessment in writing, Year 2 teacher assessment in reading, writing and maths. There will be no formal Y2 test and no spelling and grammar tests at KS1 or KS2. If you have any questions regarding statutory assessment please contact school.

The competition to make a paper plane which flies the furthest will be judged on Monday. If you are able to take a photo of any models you have made please email them to competitions@cravenpartnership.co.uk

With best wishes,
Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)



Food Vouchers For Families

As you may be aware following the campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford, the Government agreed to provide local authorities with funding to support free school meals for eligible children in the holidays. This week North Yorkshire County Council has announced the funding it is providing to support vulnerable families with food vouchers over the Christmas holiday. The aim of the funding is "to give vulnerable households peace of mind in the run up to Christmas and over the Winter months during the pandemic by helping those who need it to have food on the table and other essentials, so every child will be warm and well-fed this winter."

North Yorkshire believes schools are best placed to identify the most vulnerable families. Key priorities in identifying families who are eligible are: Children who qualify for free school meals as the family is in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Families with children who are in receipt of free school meals will receive the voucher automatically before December 18th. If your child is not eligible for free school meals but your family is experiencing significant, short-term financial hardship as a result of the Covid pandemic, then please contact Mrs Marshall by phone, letter or email headteacher@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk by Monday December 13th. The information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Pupils of the week awarded for reading, handwriting, maths, punctuation and science.

Class 1: Mia Faulkner and Hunter Hall

Class 2: Hazel Goddard and James Jackson

Class 3: Charlotte Nolan and Sophie Raynsford

Class 4: Lavinia Wilkinson and Freddie Hay



Don't forget Mrs Dawson's paper airplane competition will be judged on Monday!

Has COVID-19 put additional strain on your family?

SELFA's Families Together Programme is here to help.

We can offer a 12 week programme providing support with parenting and child mental health. The course combines 1:1 and family therapy sessions with group work and mental health training. An individual family plan will be agreed in week 2 and review meetings are held after 6 and 12 months.

To take part, your child/ren must live or go to school in North Yorkshire.

We'll be having informal meetings with families in December, with the full programme starting in January 2021. Some sessions may be delivered online where necessary.

If you would like further information, please contact Emma Pears (emma.pears@selfa.org.uk).



Live@4 this Christmas

Live @ 4 is a short interactive online (Zoom) worship service including quizzes, games, craft activities, bible stories & prayers



Sunday 6th December 4pm
Getting ready for Christmas

Sunday 20th December 4pm
Christingle Service



Thursday 24th December 4pm
Christmas Eve Crib Service

Feel free to join us for as many or few dates as you like but do let us know via the email below if you would like the Zoom contact details for the services and/or would like to receive a craft pack for the crafts shown (you just need to provide your own orange!)

email: www.helen.orgamfield@gmail.com

(NB: Christingle pack includes a glow stick candle for safety and all packs will have been quarantined for 72 hours before safe delivery)

Christmas take away craft bag

Come and grab a bag of crafts to do at home.

To pre-order a bag please send a message to the church FaceBook page stating:

your name & number of children the bag is for or email the information to me at:

Susanne.Platt@airedalemethodists.org

St Andrew's Methodist Church

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Monday 21st December

Collection between 11.15am and 12 noon