



Cowling Community
Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 16th November



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Children in Need Appeal today. So far we have raised £133.50 and everyone's costumes brought a smile to our faces. Next Friday Lucy Salt is planning to sell some of her delicious home-baked chocolate brownies in aid of the appeal—I am sure they will disappear very quickly indeed! It has been really moving this week to find out about some of the families the charity helps and the lives some children lead which are fraught with difficulties and challenges. I know everyone has challenges but it seems very unfair that some children have to bear so much more than others.

It was lovely to speak to so many parents and carers at our parents evenings this week. I hope the meeting with your child's teacher was useful and provided ideas for how you can support your child at home. Thank you to everyone who completed a school questionnaire—they were absolutely overwhelmingly positive and I am particularly grateful to the families who took the time to write additional comments. We are fortunate at Cowling that our staff work extremely hard and I know your views and kind words are very much appreciated.

On Sunday, school was represented by ten of our children at the centenary commemorations to mark the end of the First World War. We are extremely proud of all of them who spoke and laid a wreath at the memorial. The children have been thinking about the people from our village who lost their lives in both World Wars and the sacrifice made by local families. Let us hope we never see such terrible loss again.

The annual book fair arrives in school on Tuesday next week with some brilliant books on sale on Tuesday Nov 20th, Thursday 22nd and Monday 26th. The fair runs from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Please come into the hall and view the books. They make great Christmas presents. Children who read at least three times a week at home will be entered into a draw to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible.



On Wednesday (Nov 21st) we welcome the acclaimed Lempen Puppet Theatre to Cowling with their performance of "The Amazing Thing". If your child has never seen a Lempen Puppet production I would encourage you not to miss this one as they are really magical. Children will be able to stay at school at 3.30pm (parents do not need to stay with their child) on as the PTA will be serving refreshments before the performance starts at 4pm. If your child would like refreshments please send them with £1 on Wednesday. Tickets are priced £5 with a percentage from sales being donated to school funds. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Good luck to all our dancers taking part in the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival in York on Sunday. You have been amazing in rehearsals and I hope you really enjoy performing. Thank you to Mrs Pease and Mrs Nelson for choreographing and accompanying the children on the day.

With best wishes,
Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)

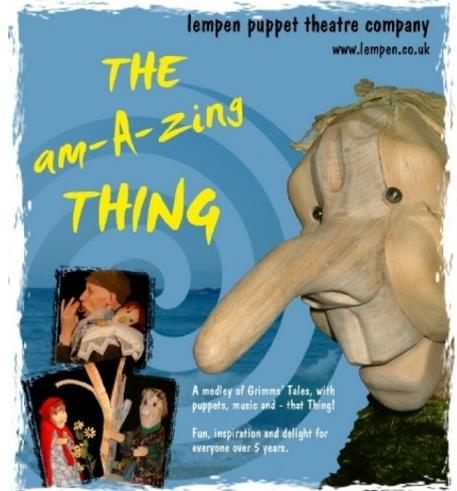


Don't forget to send your rice order into school—£3 a bag. Please send money in an envelope clearly marked RICE with your child's name.

Overdue Payments

Just as household bills are rising I am afraid costs to school are also escalating. You may not be aware but school subsidises the cost of all school lunches—even KS1 meals — as the Government funding provided does not meet the cost of the meal. We very much want all our children to enjoy a hot lunch at school and enjoy the social experience of eating with others and trying new dishes. We are grateful to the vast majority of our families who pay for their child's lunch but we have a minority of families who are now in arrears. This puts school in a difficult position as we do not want to deprive your child of a meal but at the same time we just do not have the budget to provide free meals to all our children—I very much wish we did. Please can families to check their School Money account and clear any outstanding balance by Monday. Unfortunately if payments are not made we will not be able to continue to provide your child with a hot meal. If you are having financial difficulties please contact school in confidence and talk to us rather than allowing debts to spiral. Thank you.

Come to the Show!



Christmas is Coming!

Next Friday we begin to think ahead to the Christmas festivities and are inviting your child to wear non-uniform and bring some chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fair raffles and tombolas.

It can be a bottle of anything eg shampoo, ketchup or something to drink! All donations are greatly appreciated and a huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in an item. Thinking ahead to the fair please could you also see if your child has any unwanted toys, books, games or soft toys which could be rehomed for Christmas and sold at our fair.

We have some wonderful prizes donated for our raffle (a huge thank you to the PTA for organising. Tickets will be on sale soon. Prizes include a day for two children at High Adventure, a £15 Bizzie Lizzie's voucher, a gallon of ale from the Bay Horse, a £25 Harlequin Bistro voucher, £40 nail voucher, cleaners to transform your home and morning coffee at Alexanders. Fantastic prizes!



Sunday 18th November—Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival

Tuesday 20th November—Book Fair 3.30-4pm

Wednesday 21st November—Lempen Puppet Show £5

Thursday 22nd November—Book Fair 3.30pm -4pm

Friday 23rd November—Non-uniform day—please donate chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fair.

Monday 26th November—Book Fair 3.30pm—4pm

Thursday 6th December—Christmas Fair 3.30pm

Tuesday 11th December—Nativity 6pm (C1 parents)

Wednesday 12th December—Nativity 6pm (C2 parents)

Thursday 20th December—School closes for Christmas 3.30pm

Pupils of the week awarded for handwriting, effort, phonics, attitude to learning, maths, behaviour, discussion, writing and perseverance.

Class 1: Sam Marshall and Evie Walker.

Class 2: Jamie Jones.

Class 3: Jack Hall and Will Clements -Nauman.

Class 4: Oscar Capstick and Amelia-Grace Green.

Class 5: Keelie Astin and Tom Hooper.



Happy Birthday to:

Josh Ratcliffe,
Jacob Tierney,
Ruby Dudman, Ellie Widdup,
Alfie Boyd, Sophie
Raynsford, Cory Boyd and
Darcey Haigh

**From all your friends at
Cowling Primary School**

