

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2016 edition 1

Treats for all children using fundraising money

Thanks to all of the brilliant fundraising work by parents, carers, staff and children, we have money available to provide some extra opportunities for our children.

Early Years class 1 and 2 and Year 1 will be going to **Beamish** on **Monday 05 December** to take part in a range of Christmas activities.

Years 2, 3 and 4 will be going to the artificial ice rink at **Woodhorn Colliery** to have an afternoon of ice skating, followed by a train ride and a hot chocolate on **Thursday 08 December**. Please make sure you have read the letters we have sent out and your child is dressed warmly for being outside for a good part of the day.

Both of these treats and transport have been paid for using fundraising money. We hope you and your child agree that these are brilliant treats and a very good way to use the fundraising money.

Christmas post boxes

Christmas post boxes will be open in the **hall corridor** from **Monday 05 December**. Lists of children's first names and surname initials for your child's class have been sent home.

Please only use the post box to post cards to children who are not in your child's class. **Cards for children in your child's class should be taken to the classroom** and the class teacher will arrange for them to be given out.

Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14 December

A Christmas lunch has been ordered for all children in Early Years class 2 and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 to enjoy on **Wednesday 14 December** unless you have informed us in writing by the end of today.

Parents of children in Early Years class 2 and Years 1 and 2 do not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 who pay for their child's meals should pay in the normal way as part of the weekly payment on Monday 12 December. If you have told us that you do not want to order a Christmas lunch for your child please provide a packed lunch.

Continued illegal and inconsiderate parking on Barrass Avenue and Cheviot View

I have received more complaints about parents parking their cars across residents' driveways and on the zigzags on **Barrass Avenue** and **Cheviot View** while dropping off children at school. Parking around the school site is not easy, however, parking over residents' driveways is not acceptable even if it is only for 5 minutes. I have advised residents to call the police regarding this matter.

Community events

Children in the choir from Years 3 and 4 did a marvellous job when singing at Seghill Christmas fayre in the Institute on Saturday 19 November. They will also be singing at the Seghill Senior Citizens Christmas Party on **Saturday 10 December** and I am sure they will be equally brilliant.

Count down to the Christmas fayre

Our annual Christmas fayre is on **Friday 09 December** from 3:15pm. We are hoping to make this our best fayre ever. Thank you to everyone who wore non uniform today and brought in donations for the tombolas.

The countdown to the event includes-

- **From Monday 05 December-** please send in any further donations for any of the stalls, tombolas or the raffle.
- **Thursday 08 December-** toy stall preview. Please drop off your child at their class and preview all of the items on the toy stall. Items can be reserved with payment of £1 but must be paid for in full by the start of the fayre on Friday.
- **Friday 09 December-** Christmas fayre, including raffle, tombolas (soft toy, chocolate and general), pull a bottle, tattoos, colouring competition, hand-made crafts, hot drinks and biscuits, hot dogs, chips, juice and reindeer dust.

Christmas performances

Our **Early Years** Christmas performance this year is "Wriggly Nativity" on **Friday 09 December** at 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am). Our **key stage 1 and 2** children will be performing "There's Something Amazing Going On" on **Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 December** at 2:15pm (doors open at 2:00pm). All children will be taking part in their performance in either a singing or acting role. The deadline for ticket applications is Monday. Tickets will be sent home on Tuesday.

Film night on Wednesday 14 December

Children in all year groups are invited to buy a ticket for Film Night on **Wednesday 14 December** from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Tickets cost **£2.00 per child** and include a hot dog and drink. Please place your ticket money in an **envelope** clearly labelled with your **child's name and number of tickets** required by **Monday 12 December**. Tickets must be bought in advance and will not be on sale after Monday 12 December.

Christingle service

All children will be going to **Seghill Methodist Chapel** on **Thursday 15 December** during the morning session to take part in the Christingle service. More details will follow in a separate letter.

Class of the term non uniform on Thursday 15 December

The class with the best attendance and punctuality for the autumn term will be invited to wear **non uniform** on **Thursday 15 December**. They will be informed in writing on Wednesday 14 December. All other children should wear their school uniform on Thursday 15 December.

Christmas jumper day on Friday 16 December

Children and staff are asked to wear their **Christmas jumpers** on **Friday 16 December** to support the Save the Children Christmas jumper appeal. Donations of **£1 per child** would be appreciated so children wear their Christmas jumper with non-uniform on the last day of term.

