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Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Parents Evening

Parent - teacher appointments can still be booked for next week, please use our app to book the appointments.

Any parents unable to make those dates or those parenting separately who need additional appointments can arrange this by telephoning or emailing the main school office.

OfSTED report

As you will be aware, we were recently inspected by OFSTED. We have received our final inspection report and this is attached for your information. It should appear on the OfSTED website within the next week. The report describes the fantastic character of both your individual children and of our unique school community. These are things we are very proud of indeed. The report truly reflects the experiences your children get each and every day. It represents the tireless effort of the staff team and the excellent provision all staff work together to deliver for our school community. We hope you enjoy reading it, we did 😊



Ready
Respectful
Safe



We have had a couple of children not collected from clubs this week. With it being dark, the children now **MUST** be collected from all after school clubs.

Christmas song links

Links expire 14 days after they are generated, we will send fresh links if this happens!

Holly and Mistletoe:

<https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/266/4704acd9-13cl-42e7-ae16-573d6de7d2ee>

Mary's Boy Child:

<https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/672/9aebb8bf-f70f-4320-8203-9725d2d8fb77>

It Was on a Starry Night:

<https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/687/fd3ecd23-c738-435a-afac-36bcf2e381fd>

Christmas Show Tickets

A link to a form to order tickets for the Christmas shows will be sent out on Monday. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis and there will be a waiting list for additional tickets. Our play this year is one play involving Reception to year 6 children. Nursery are doing a separate Christmas stay and play and a Christmas sing-song. For the main school play, 2 tickets will be allocated per **family** and you will be able to request more should we have any spare capacity. **There is a special 'relaxed' performance which parents with pre-school children can come along to. For health and safety reasons we will not admit pre-school children to the main performances. This upsets people every year when they are turned away - you have been given fair warning so please don't put yourself or staff in that position this year!**

Student Librarian and Play Leader Roles

At Birtley East, we are keen for children in KS2 to take on roles and responsibilities in school to improve the offer we can give to children. Therefore, we have talked to the children in assembly about the new roles of Student Librarian and Play Leader open to all KS2 children, where they can dedicate one lunchtime per week to their duties. There are lots of children who have shown an interest and have taken an application form for one or both roles. They may like some support from you to complete their application form and it needs to be handed back in to Mrs Small by Monday 25th November. The children will then be invited to take part in an interview.

Drama Club Show

Drama Club are working hard getting their Christmas performance ready. We are in need of some costumes, if anyone has anything they would like to donate. We need:



- Snowman costume
- Jack Skellington costume
- Anything elf related - ears/hats/red or green tops/anything stripey!

Our show will be after school on Thursday 12th December and tickets will be available to purchase soon.

Christmas Card Competition

There is information attached about a Christmas Card competition Mrs McGill talked to the children in assembly about this week. The children can complete their entries at home and bring them in by **Monday 25th November 2024**. Remember - use A4 white paper - don't fold it!

Other information and updates

-  There is information attached about a behaviour workshop being run for parents of children with Autism or other SEN needs, children do not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this.
-  There is information attached from Birtley Community Pool.

Dates for your Diary

Please note, we include as much information as possible about upcoming events on this newsletter but please also look out for separate communications from your child's teacher.

Date	Event
WB 18 th November	Cycling Sessions: Monday: Nursery and Reception, Tuesday: Year 1, Wednesday: Year 2, Thursday: Year 3, Friday: Year 4
18 th and 19 th November	Parents evening: booking will open on Monday 11 th November, you will receive a separate notification when the window opens. CLUBS WILL RUN AS NORMAL
25 th November	School Photographs
27 th November	M&M show in school: Aladdin
28 th November	Cycling session: Year 5
29 th November	Kielder Training Ride 1
2 nd December	Christmas Fair (after school)
WB 9 th December	Christmas Shows: Pre school children and their parents 2pm 9 th December, Main performances 9.15am and 2pm Wednesday 11 th December. Ticket applications will be sent out WB 18 th November.
10 th December	Y2 visit to Birtley Methodist Church; Christmas Journey
12 th December	Drama Club Christmas Show (after school)
13 th December	Reindeer Run Fundraiser Christmas lunch - you will be able to order this for your child from Monday 18 th November
WB 16 th December	Christmas Parties



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