

6th November 2015

Dear Families,

Welcome back to everyone. I hope everyone is ready for the busy half term ahead.

Auction of Promises

There will be a Friends Meeting on Monday evening at 7:30pm in school to finalise the booklet for the auction of promises. All are welcome.

Lexia Reading Skills

We have trial of a web based English programme called Lexia Learning for a month. It helps children to practise reading, spelling, grammar and comprehension. It is suitable for all children from Reception - Y6 and assesses children moving them on as they master skills. The children have all used it for an initial session in school and will be using it in school for the next few weeks. They can also log at home so if you would like to see what they are doing and have a go at home please see the attached letter for details of logging on.

Homework (Y1-6)

As the new spellings are challenging this year we have decided that focusing on reading and spelling is enough homework for English. For maths your child will bring home a sheet each Friday in a folder which is related to the work they have been doing in class. Please could they complete these and hand the folder in on Wednesday mornings for marking. It will help to reinforce and show you the work they are doing in class.

Spellings

Spelling test will be on Friday on the week 2 words.

Boxes of Hope

Thank you so much for all the shoe boxes they will be much appreciated and I will ask the organisers to come in to do an assembly nearer Christmas. I am delivering the boxes after school on Tuesday so if you would still like to do one it can be brought in on Monday.

Shepherd's Church Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Fayre

This is on Sunday 8/11/15 - starting 10.45am in Over Wyresdale Church so there is no FAMILY Service at 5.30pm for this week.

Also the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 5th December in the Parish Hall starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm. This is earlier than usual to include more families with young children - see attached flyer.

Christmas Play - These are the children's parts please could you provide them with a costume. There may be people with costumes from the past that are suitable. If you have an appropriate costume you could lend anyone on the list please let them know to avoid expense. We have some costumes in school for a nativity but they are in small sizes.

KS1

Ned (donkey) - Scarlett
Narrator 1 Eva
Narrator 2 Libby
Narrator 3 Ruby
Robin - Lucy Jo
Shopkeeper- Leah
Cats - Olivia F and Neve
Rudolph - Adam
Ballerina - Daisy
Farmer - Sophie
Clown- Jasper
Dolly - Lizzie
Toy Soldier - James
Father Christmas - Jack
Reindeers - Taylor and Mia
Squirrel - Olivia S
Rabbit - Amelia
Mouse - Olivia A
Cooks - Matilda and Chloe

KS2

Modern Children: Tom - Joshua
Meg - Ellie
Joe - Jonathan
Eve - Autumn
Ben - Jake
Gold Angel - Grace I
Blue Angel - Hannah
Silver Angel - Camellia , Ben B
Purple Angel - Archie
Herod - Thomas
Wise Men: Casper - Christopher
Balthasar - Sam E
Melchior - Michael
Shoppers: Joe, Sam F, Evan, Ben, Noah, Thomas
Carol singers: Heidi, Grace H, Hannah, Camellia
Chief Roman - Noah
Nazarenes - Joe, Evan
Mary - Grace H
Star - Heidi
Joseph - Sam F
Innkeeper - Charlie
Shepherd Daniel

Items Needed

2 litre/4 pint milk containers - loads of them to build an igloo.

Yours truly,

Mrs Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 9th Nov - Film Club - 4:30pm

Mon 9th Nov - Friends Meeting 7:30pm

Tues 10th Nov - Christmas Club - 4:30pm

Wed 11th Nov - Gymnastics Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall

Thurs 12th Nov - Emmett's Kid's Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall

Fri 13th Nov - Vue Cinema Y1-6 10am Penguins of Madagascar

Fri 13th Nov - Y3 Assembly 3:15pm all welcome

Future Diary Dates

Fri 20th November - Auction of Promises 7pm Village Hall

Thursday 3rd Dec - Parents Afternoon 2-6pm

Mon 14th Dec - Christmas Play 7pm Village Hall

Thurs 17th Dec - Awards Assembly 2:30pm

Fri 18th Dec - The Dukes Theatre- whole school Beauty and the Beast return for 1pm

Fri 18th Dec A- 1pm School closes for Christmas holidays