# Christ Church CofE Primary School



Friday 25th November 2023



#### Christmas Productions



You can see a list of our dates for Christmas performances in the Key Dates section of our newsletter. Morning performances will start at 9.30am and afternoon performances will start at 2pm.

Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 27th November. The tickets are free but we would really appreciate a donation to cover the cost of the costumes and props that we have purchased as a recent water leak has ruined a lot of the costumes that we had.

Each child is eligible for 2 tickets per performance and tickets MUST be shown on entry so we can ensure that only people that are meant to be at the performance are.

Photographs can be taken of your child only and nothing must be shared on social



#### **KEY DATES**

Christmas Productions

Nursery/Reception - Thursday 14th December 9:30am & 2pm

Year 1 & 2 - Tuesday 12th December 9:30am & 2pm

Year 3 & 4 - Wednesday 13th December 9:30am & 2pm

Year 5 & 6 - Friday 15th December 9:30am & 2pm

#### **Christmas Parties**

Nursery/Reception - Thursday 21st pm Year 1 & 2 - Wednesday 20th December pm Year 3 & 4 - Monday 18th December pm Year 5 & 6 - Tuesday 19th December pm

Christmas Panto in school 6th December Christingle service at church- all parents welcome Thursday 7th December at 9.15am Saturday 9th December- 10am Choir opening the Christmas Market in Northumberland Square.

Christmas lunch 14th December Carol Service in Church Thursday 21st December- all parents welcome Winning House Treat Friday 22nd December am Whole School Talent Show Friday 22nd December pm



#### Year 4 Segedunum



Year 4 had an interesting trip to Segedunum. They learnt all about being part of the Roman army and were able to explore the fantastic museum. Mr Brown dressed up as a Roman soldier so we could see all the different layers they had to wear. We held a real throwing stone from over 2000 years ago and saw what remains of a spear head found at Segedunum.



## Year 5 Forces - Air Resistance

In Science Year 5 have been learning about Forces. In this lesson we were looking at air resistance and how we can cut this resistance down to make our homemade straw rockets go further. We learned that the aerodynamics (that's the study of the shape of objects as they move through the air) is crucial to making a more efficient and effective flying machine. We also learned that certain shapes reduce the air resistance as they fly which, in turn, allows them to fly further and sometimes even faster as well. After testing certain shapes and recording our results we learned that some shapes most definitely are more aerodynamic than others.

















#### Christmas Holiday Food Support

North Tyneside Council knows that this has been a very difficult year for many people

across our borough, and we have worked hard to ensure that families and individuals who need our help get as much support as we can give. More information on support available from the Council, advice, and signposting to other relevant organisations can be found by visiting the Cost-of-living pages on the North Tyneside Website

https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1652/cost-living-support The government has provided us with some Household Support Grant funding to support families with the cost of food in the school holidays. This is part of a wider approach across North Tyneside by the council to help people in response to the rising cost of living. We are using the Household Support Grant funding to help those families whose children are in receipt of free school meals because they meet the income related benefits criteria. We have used the Household Support Grant to ensure that all eligible families receive £30 per child for use during the Christmas holidays.

During the Christmas holidays the ease INTO (Holiday Activity and Food) Programme is also available to children to access. The programme provides fun, enriching activities, and nutritious, tasty food in the school holidays. You can register and book your child's place for the programme in advance of the school holidays by visiting the ease INTO page on the North Tyneside website. The voucher code will be paid for each child through an online account managed by Edenred, a company well-known for working with schools and other organisations to provide this kind of help. The voucher codes can be used in most supermarkets, either in store or online. The codes have activation dates, this will be Monday18th December, families must redeem the voucher during the Christmas holidays.

This is a one-off food grant to support families and help to manage the additional expense they will have during the Christmas holidays when children do not receive free school meals. The codes on the Edenred system must be used one month from receiving these.

Any not redeemed will be removed from the Edenred system and will not be able to be reissued. Edenred will contact you by email to let you know your voucher is ready to be downloaded. Instructions will also be included when they contact you and details of the help desk to support you if you need it. If you have a general query about the vouchers over the Christmas holidays, you can contact the Social Inclusion Team on the email above.

Queries will be dealt with 10.00-11.00 and 3.00-4.00 Monday to Friday until Monday 18th January. Please ensure that your email contact includes all the relevant details including your child's name, school, and the issue you have.

Your faithfully

K Clark

Cabinet Member responsible for Public Health and Wellbeing

## Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics



Well done to our year 5 and 6 children who participated in a sportshall athletics competition last week at the Parks Sports Centre. We competed in various track events including sprint, running and hurdles, as well as field event such as javelin, triple jump and speed bounce. We had a lot of success in our events with many children placing in first or second, but most importantly we absolutely loved the morning and cheering on our friends!



### Year 6 Gymnastics

Year 6 are developing their partner work skills in gymnastic, focusing on different ways to balance in unison.







### Year 5/6 Netball competition









Our year 5/6 netball league kicked off last night with some friendly matches at John Spence. Both teams played 3 games each with fantastic passing, intercepting, marking and defending all round! We will return to John Spence in December for the league games.

