

Next Week's Events

Monday 3rd December –

Dance after school club & Pay & Play after school club

Tuesday 4th December – Pay & Play after school club only

Wednesday 5th December – Joolz after school club followed by Pay & Play

Thursday 6th December – Sports Hall Athletics for juniors at Richmond School – see attached letter.

Performing Arts after school club with AJ Academy, including performance for parents at 4.15pm

Friday 7th December – Christmas Fair 3pm – 4.30pm in the village hall

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th December – Joint whole school trip with Melsonby School to see Aladdin at Darlington Hippodrome.

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December – Dress rehearsal of Xmas Production 1.30pm

Dance/Cheerleading after school club performance for parents 4.15pm.

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Party

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas dinner for staff & pupils

Thursday 20th December – Christmas Production 6pm at Village Hall – wine / mince pies from 5.30pm

Friday 21st December – Carol Service at North Cowton Village Hall 2pm – children can leave afterwards with an adult

Don't Forget:

Signed reading records Monday (years 4, 5 & 6).

Waterproof coat every day

Achievers: Rose, Florence, Sophie & Matthew

Christmas hampers

Please keep donations for the Christmas hampers coming in. We usually make a substantial amount of money when they are raffled after the Christmas Production so would be most grateful for goodies to include.

Christmas Fair

We have at least 12 stallholders coming to sell goods at our Christmas Fair on 7th December. So far we have only sold 6 tickets. Please do come along and support this event – stallholders are each providing a raffle prize and there are fancy goods, upcycled goods, bath bombs, candles, Usborne Books etc.

All the schoolchildren will be visiting the Christmas Fair so should be picked up from the hall at 3.30pm. Those who wish to can send in spending money for their child (in a named purse/envelope please).

Competition

A reminder that entries for the competition to design a Christmas tree decoration should be handed in to the office no later than Tuesday 4th December – entries will be judged and the winners announced at the Christmas Fair.

AJ Performance

Those who attend the AJ Academy after school club will be performing for parents at the Village Hall next Thursday (6th December) at 4.15pm. All are welcome. Please note this will be the last AJ after school club until next term.

Easy Fundraising

A simple way to raise money for the school is via Easy Fundraising. Just click onto this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> then search for our school, support this cause and either log-in or register. The school then earns commission on purchases from the likes of JD Sports, White Stuff, TK Maxx, Majestic Wines, Bodyshop, Very, The Perfume Shop, Apple, Waterstones, Boots, Screwfix, Boden, Notonthehighstreet, Game, Pandora, Topshop, Halfords, Hamleys, Carphone Warehouse, iTunes etc.
Perfect for all your Christmas gift shopping!

Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to all who commented on the proposal for a joint Carol service at Melsonby Church on 21st December. We have now decided that this will NOT go ahead and we will just have our planned service at the Village Hall at 2pm. The children will then be allowed to leave early, provided they are collected by an adult.

Questionnaires

Thanks to all who completed and handed in the recent parent & pupil questionnaires. These have been collated and reviewed and are being analysed by the governing body. Responses will be made in due course.

Junior building

Some of the junior children have been wearing an extra layer of clothing in the junior classroom this week. Because the temperature outside has been so cold, the heating has been working to its maximum but has not been as effective as usual. We have now had the heating system fully serviced so it is working much better and it is definitely warmer in the building. It has also helped that the weather has warmed up a little.

Christmas Performance

We would like to invite you all for complimentary wine and mince pies at the Village Hall, prior to the Christmas Performance on 20th December. These will be served from 5.30pm onwards. The raffle of the Christmas Hampers will be drawn after the performance.

Tuesday after school club

A reminder that there is no longer a sports after school club on a Tuesday as Ben has got a full-time job at another school and is unable to come here.

School photographs

A reminder that any orders for school photographs should be made as soon as possible, in order to ensure they are delivered before we break up. Please order on-line

From the Head teacher

On Monday, of last week, our children took part in a Pro Ride Cycling for Schools day. The younger pupils and those with less confidence took part on balance bikes. They had great fun whilst developing their coordination, concentration and balancing skills. This training will start to prepare them for riding a pedal cycle confidently and safely.

The Key Stage 2 children were engaged in sessions of fast, fun action. The activities took place around circuits and obstacle courses built on the village tennis courts. During their session, the children took part in a series of mini competitions, games and challenges. They also learned the skills of starting, stopping, cornering and group riding before commencement of the competitions, games and challenges.

Our thanks to Phil Bateman, Olympic Athlete, for coming into school. He not only worked with our children but also delivered a whole school assembly on perseverance. It was a super day.





Week commencing 3rd December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & mash with broccoli, cauliflower and onion gravy 50/50 bread	Sweet & sour chicken with rice and a medley of vegetables Wholemeal baguette	Roast beef & Yorkshire Pudding with roast parsnips & carrots and roast potatoes Sliced wholemeal bread	Chicken korma & rice with cauliflower and green beans Naan bread	Battered fish with tomato sauce, peas, carrot sticks and chipped potatoes Sunflower seed bread
Tuna or cheese baguette	Tuna or cheese jacket	Tuna or cheese pitta bread	Tuna or cheese jacket	Tuna or cheese baguette
Jam sponge & custard	Toffee apple crumble cake	Chocolate orange sponge & chocolate sauce	Pineapple shortcake and custard	Fruits of the Forest flapjack
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit

Week commencing 10th December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Organic beef burger in a seeded bun with chipped potatoes, peas and sweetcorn	Chicken and tomato pasta bake with green beans and cauliflower Wholemeal bread	Roast pork with apple sauce and gravy with carrots, broccoli and parsley potatoes Herbie bread	Beef tortilla wrap with vegetable rice and vegetable sticks	Breaded salmon nibbles with tomato sauce, broccoli & carrots and potato wedges Tomato bread
Tuna or cheese baguette	Tuna or cheese jacket	Tuna or cheese pitta bread	Tuna or cheese jacket or wrap	Tuna or cheese baguette
Banana brownie and chocolate sauce	Autumn berry sponge & custard	Raspberry bun with apple	Apple cinnamon crunch crumble and custard	Swiss bun
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit

Week commencing 17th December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza with potato wedges, carrot & orange salad and peas	Christmas Party – children bringing in party food 	Christmas Dinner Turkey with stuffing, sausage, gravy, peas, carrots and roast potatoes 	Pasta bolognese with broccoli & sweetcorn Garlic bread	Fish fingers with peas, baked beans and chipped potatoes Wholemeal bread
Cheese or tuna baguette			Cheese or tuna jacket	Cheese or tuna baguette
Chocolate semolina and mandarins		Ice cream chocolate Christmas tree	Arctic roll & peaches	Plum upside down cake & custard
Fresh fruit			Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit