



No 11 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Next Week's Events

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**– Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm – 4.30pm

SAT's club continues

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Sport after school club until 4.30pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** –

Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm – 4.30pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – PE lesson in the afternoon – please come to school in PE kit

## Future Diary Dates

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party

## THINGS TO REMEMBER – KS2

Signed reading records Monday

Orange spelling books every day

Reading books every day

Come to school in PE kit on a Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if doing cross country at lunchtime or after school club

## THINGS TO REMEMBER – KS1

Reading books & records every day

Come to school in PE kit on a Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if doing cross country at lunchtime or after school club

## Heads Oop

### Black Friday – No Chance

It has been far from a 'Black Friday' at school with pupils engaged in numerous learning activities that have complimented the teaching they have had through the week. There has been plenty to celebrate this week – some fantastic PE results in the individual activities that pupils have been competing in so that they can enter the Virtual Small Schools tournament. It is fantastic to see pupils engaging in PE and School Sport: they have had the opportunity to learn new skills in Curling, Archery and Tri-Golf and this will continue throughout this term.

I had a very productive meeting with Mrs Robinson yesterday and introduced her to staff and pupils. She was impressed with her visit to North and South Cowton and is looking forward to making it her new school home. Mrs Robinson will be returning next week and we are hoping to organise some sessions where she can meet parents before we break up for Christmas if the updated guidance allows. I will keep you posted.

The announcement of the new tier system and connected rules and regulations has made us rethink some of the events we were going to hold. In school we will try our best to ensure pupils can continue with their learning but also experience the Christmas Activities that make the school a wonderful place to be at this time of year.

### Hand of God

Sad news this week with the passing of Diego Armando Maradona in an era of elite sportsmen he was virtually unplayable at his peak. He has often been called a 'flawed genius' and 'that' goal against England in the 1986 World Cup and his subsequent problems didn't do him any favours. Not always a great role model as a sportsman but someone who possessed immense talent and brought joy to the Argentinian public. I would like to know who pupils sporting heroes or inspirations are – please send me in any pictures/research or reasons why.

### All You're Dreaming of

Paint the night sky  
While the morning waits  
With a field of stars  
To keep the dark at bay  
Take your spotlight  
Underneath the moon  
Sometimes a miracle  
Is all that can carry you...

This is the first verse from the new song by Liam Gallagher, better known for more raucous rock songs, his new song is much slower and well worth listening to as it reflects some of the challenges of the year. Music is a great source of comfort and release particularly at this time of year we hope to get back to performing to an audience soon.

Many Thanks for your continued support - I won't mention that Sunderland are playing tonight as they always get beat when I do!

### **Christmas Hampers**

We are planning to make up 3 hampers again this year; a food hamper, a boys hamper and a girls hamper. We would be MOST grateful of items to include, as this is usually a good fundraiser. Donations should be left at the school office, no later than Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, in order for the hampers to be made up and on display in school.

### **Immunisation survey**

As you will be aware, the children in school were offered the flu immunisation earlier this year. The childhood immunisation team have asked if parents could assist their child/children to answer a short on-line survey on their experience of their vaccination with our nurses. It is a very short survey and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. To access the survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/15298II>

### **Request from Mrs Hughes**

Mrs Hughes would like the junior children to collect green or grey plastic bottle tops (e.g. from milk cartons/ juice bottles), for a Christmas art project in school. Thank you.

### **Open afternoon for prospective new pupils**

A reminder that we have rescheduled our Open Afternoons. These will now be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 2pm – 4.30pm. If you know of anybody who would be interested in looking around the school, we would be grateful if you could let them know. They should telephone the office to make an appointment.

### **Santa fun run**

In light of the new tiered system for lockdown, announced yesterday, we have decided to cancel the Santa run as a family event and run it as an in-school event during PE time. We are deeply disappointed but do not want to do anything to jeopardise the health of families particularly with Christmas approaching. A new date will be set before the end of the term.

Please could all sponsorship forms be handed in by next Friday 4th December.

### **From Miss Cheesbrough**

I spoke to the school council this week to ask for the children's views about how they would like lunchtimes to be organised and which activities they would like to engage with. They had some excellent suggestions and are looking forward to the new arrangements starting next week.

### **School dinners**

A reminder that fizzy drinks, chocolate bars (chocolate biscuits are fine) and sweets should not be included in packed lunches. Thank you.