

Happy Christmas!

Hello, everyone - we've made it! The **Autumn Term** is always the **longest** and **busiest** of the school year and I think everyone is ready for the break. The children have continued to amaze us all with their **wonderful work** in class over the last **15 weeks**. I'd like to sincerely thank all of the staff here for their hard work and dedication to school. Thanks also to everyone at home for the kind **cards**, **gifts** and **words** that came in ahead of the festive period. The **biscuits** and **chocolates** that arrived this week helped to keep everyone going! A reminder that **Monday 5th January** is a **Teacher Training Day**. School will, therefore, reopen after the **Christmas Break** on **Tuesday 6th January**. I hope you and your families all enjoy a **peaceful** and **relaxing** break and I look forward to seeing you all in the **New Year**. Merry Christmas, Mr Routledge



Recruitment

I am pleased to share some exciting staffing updates. Recently, Mrs **Julie Whittingham** joined our **lunchtime** team as a **Supervisory Assistant** and has already made a **positive impact** by ensuring a **safe** and **enjoyable** lunchtime experience for all pupils. Following a **successful interview process** led by **Mrs Robinson** and I, we are pleased to welcome **Miss Katie Wraith** as our new **Teaching Assistant** starting in **January**. Additionally, **Mrs Hayley Lambton** has been appointed as a **Class Teacher** and will be joining us next term in **Reception** to allow for a **comprehensive handover** from **Mrs Carrick** who, sadly, is retiring. The **selection panel** was really impressed by the strong field of candidates, with Mrs Lambton standing out for her dedication to our **vision** and **values**. A huge welcome to all three new members of staff.

Santa Dash

On **Thursday**, the whole school took part in this year's **Santa Dash**. This festive event was a brilliant way for the children to work towards achieving their daily active **60 minutes** of **physical activity**. Each class donned their **festive headwear** and made their way around the track, moving in time to **Christmas songs**. The **atmosphere** was full of excitement and festive spirit and everyone gave it their all. A fantastic effort from all involved!



Year Two Church Visit

On Monday, **Mrs Black** and **Mrs Wharton** took our **Year Two** children to **Doxford Methodist Church** in **Cramlington**. The children learnt about what happens in church during **advent** and completed a quiz to help identify items around the church. The feedback from the Church Reverend, **Richard Porter**, was lovely to hear.



I would just like to say how lovely it was to welcome your staff and pupils of Year Two to the church this morning. Can I say, the pupils are a credit to you and to your staff - they listened well, wrote well, and I couldn't help but notice how helpful they were towards each other.

Choir Visit

Cramlington Community Choir visited school today to perform **Christmas Carols** alongside our children. As always, it was an **absolute pleasure** to welcome the **choir** to school. A big thank you to our very own **Miss Andrews** and **Mrs Cragg**, proud members of the choir, who arranged the visit. The feedback from the choir was so **positive** and made us **exceptionally proud**. They were particularly complimentary of the manners our children displayed which was delightful to hear.

Emma Foody MP Visit

This morning we welcomed **Emma Foody** to school. She was here to see one of our pupils, **Adam**, to award him some prizes for his wonderful **Christmas Card** design. Sadly, his **Newcastle United** inspired card design didn't bring us any luck in the derby match last weekend but never mind! Adam's **design** was one of the competition **Runners Up** and featured on the back of Emma's official **constituency card** which was sent to the **King** and the **Prime Minister**.



Breakfast Club

Advanced notice that, from **January**, **Breakfast Club** will increase in price from **£3.50** - **£4**. Bookings are available now via **School Money**. A reminder that bookings must be made in advance due to the level of demand we now have. If you don't book in advance, we may not be able to take children in due to statutory staffing ratios.

On the Menu Next Week . . .

Week One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Cowboy Lunch/Vegetarian Cowboy Lunch Fish Fingers Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Spaghetti Bolognaise Salmon Bites Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Chicken/Quorn Curry Cheesy Pasta* Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Turkey/Veggie Roast and Yorkshire Pudding Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Oven Baked Sausage/Veggie Sausage Fish Portion Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)
Potatoes/Pasta/ Rice	Oven Baked Hash Brown	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Smiley Faces	Longrain Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes Crusty Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Desserts	Fruit Mousse Slice	Chocolate Sponge with Custard	Fruit Jelly	Biscoff Tray Bake	School Pudding of the Day (With a choice of Fruit)