



## **NEWSLETTER**

**FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021**

### **To all EYFS parents,**

Next week we will be enjoying 'The Nutcracker' in class! As part of this we will be designing and making our very own miniature 'Land of Sweets' (1 per child) and would therefore like to ask you to send in any out of date/ unwanted sweets that may be suitable for us to use! Things such as miniature candy canes, boiled sweets, hard lollipops, mini marshmallows and so on, work really well. We will be using baking glue to attach the sweets to the children's structures so if any are eaten it will all be perfectly safe, though of course we would rather they were just a feast for the eyes!

Thank you in advance.

### **Whole School Christmas Lunch – Thursday 9th December**

We will be holding our 'Whole School Christmas Lunch' on Thursday 9th December. If any children who normally have a packed lunch would like to have a school lunch on this day, please let Mrs Booth know as soon as possible. The cost of a school lunch is £2.70 (£2.20 for Nursery Children). If any Nursery children who aren't normally in on Thursdays would like to join us for Christmas lunch (from 11.45am onwards) and stay for the afternoon they would be very welcome. Again, please let Mrs Booth know.

All children are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day.

### **Christmas at Beaufront**

We are currently preparing for some Christmas celebrations in school, including a whole school Christmas play. As it stands we have been advised by Northumberland County Council NOT to invite an audience due to high levels of Covid in our region. If this remains the case then we will film and share the play with parents but if we are able to, we will of course invite you to a performance, even if it is held outside. We will keep you updated as we get further advice and guidance.

The Beaufront PTA Christmas 'Evening' is now live online and you can browse a range of lovely stalls to help you with your Christmas preparations.

### **Applications for September 2022 - Reception Class**

A reminder for parents of children due to start Reception Class in September 2022, the Online Portal for Applications opened on **Monday 1st November 2021** for all applications.

All admissions are made via this portal. Please look on Northumberland County Council's website for details of how to apply. If you have any problems accessing the portal, please contact the Admissions Team at Northumberland Council - [schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk). **Please note that the closing date for all applications for a place in Reception Class in September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022. 'Offers Day' will be 15th April 2022**



### **How to help your children practise safe browsing**

Using online resources is part of all our lives and children will often use search engines such as Google and Bing to find information. It is important to understand the enormous scale of content online and just the same as offline, some content will be inappropriate for children and young people to see.

There are currently between 1 and 1.5 billion websites on the internet and those sites can have multiple pages, sometimes in the thousands (e.g. Amazon). Hundreds of millions of images and videos are shared between users every day.

### **As parents, we want to keep our children as safe as possible. There are things we can do to keep them safer whilst still having access to the internet.**

Keeping children safe during online activities isn't that different to keeping them safe during offline ones. For example, we wouldn't let a child into the swimming pool without taking steps to keep them safe. This might include armbands, a lifeguard, staying in the shallow end of the pool with you. Starting in a very safe environment, slowly learning skills, building confidence and knowing what to do if something goes wrong. Over time these things might be removed once we are confident that they have the appropriate skills. There is no age attached to this, it comes down to the comfort level of each parent in relation to aspects such as trust, skill and risk awareness, and there are some things which we would always keep in place no matter the age.

It's helpful to follow the same idea as our children start to explore online; at a young age we keep them as safe as possible by only allowing a select number of websites they can go to; we are there with them whilst they are browsing and enjoying content. But as children grow older, they will want to explore more, they may need to use the internet for school purposes, but they're also curious and want to learn new things; we can't always be looking over their shoulder to check content. It's important that we give them the appropriate tools so that their online experience is a positive one.

To help keep your children safe online, you can use technical tools (such as parental controls) and non-technical ways (such as talking to your child and keeping an eye on what they are doing).

Read more about how to help your child on the Net Aware website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-help-your-children-practice-safe-browsing/>

## **DIARY DATES**

*Please note that new dates are shown in italics*

### **2021**

**Wednesday 1st December**  
**Friday 10th December**  
**Friday 17th December**

**Immunisation Team in school to administer Flu Vaccination**  
**Reindeer Run - School Event**  
**School closes for Christmas Break**

### **2022**

**Tuesday 4th January**  
**Saturday 15th January**  
**Thursday 17th February**  
**Friday 18th February**  
**Monday 28th February**  
**Friday 8th April**  
**Monday 25th April**  
**Friday 27th May**  
**Monday 6th June**  
**Friday 22nd July**

**School opens for Spring Term**  
**Admission portal closes for applications for Reception Class**  
**School closes for Spring half term**  
**Teacher Training Day**  
**School reopens**  
**School closes for Easter Break**  
**School reopens for Summer Term**  
**School closes for Summer half term**  
**School reopens**  
**School closes for Summer Break**