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We welcomed Laura Doolan Percy back into school this week to update the children on her visit to Everest base camp. You may remember that the school did a sponsored walk up Humbleton Hill (our own Everest!) in July to raise money for her expedition, which was to benefit Marie Curie cancer charity. The children were so interested and enthused to hear all about it and asked many excellent questions. We were very proud of them and their good mannered behaviour.

We also had an open morning in the nursery on Tuesday. Our nursery is definitely a very fun place to be – the children were making things with green, glitter playdoh, icing the biscuits they had made the day before and working together to paint and construct. We are definitely interested in extending our offer to two year olds after seeing how well our little visitors got on in our nursery environment. I am now getting advice on the best way to do this and we will keep you posted!

As I look in our school diary, there is plenty going on next week as well. We are squeezing something in every day of the week. We have our evening Christmas performance on Monday at the Village Hall, we are all going to see Cinderella at the Maltings on Tuesday morning following by a party in the afternoon. We have our church service on Wednesday morning at 10.30pm (all welcome) followed by our Christmas lunch. On Thursday, parents, carers and family members are invited to join us from 1pm onwards to make indoor dens with the children and watch the Polar Express. On the last day of term, we have our final assembly at 9.30am (so that our Holy Island children are with us). None of these lovely things happen without a lot of time and effort being put in by the staff and supporters of the school, so I am truly grateful. I hope the children will love it and have a wonderful week before the Christmas holidays begin. I think we will be ready for the holiday!

Attendance and Health Update

Our Education Welfare Officer came to visit the school this week to see how we are getting on with our attendance. Overall, most children are over 95% attendance which is where they should be. She will visit us again next term to see whether we are continuing to keep our attendance above that magic figure!

However, when your child is truly unwell, some absence cannot be helped. I note that on the news, the norovirus is again in North Northumberland. The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has announced that it's introducing partial restrictions across all of its sites from 9am on December 13th after a spike in cases of the serious vomiting bug in the area. This includes a ban on visitors under 12 years old. We will continue to encourage our children to wash their hands regularly and take the usual hygiene precautions.

However, if your child is sick please note that they should not return to school within 48 hours to prevent the virus spreading further. I should like you all to have a healthy Christmas and New Year!

Rebecca Simpson



The performances of our Nativity, Born in a Barn, will take place in the Village Hall today and on Monday 17th December. The arrangements are:

Today at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments. Please collect your child from the Village Hall at 3.00pm if you are unable to come to this performance.

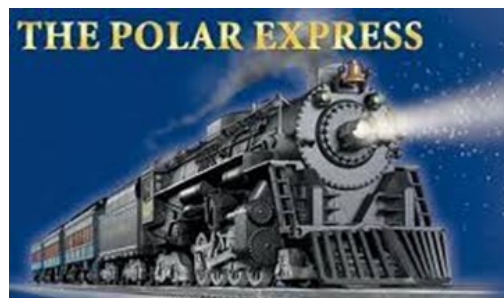
Monday 17th at 6.00pm with refreshments served from 5.30pm. The children will need to be at the Village Hall at 5.30pm on Monday evening to get changed into their costumes.

Please note that there is no swimming lesson and no after school clubs next week. Before & after school child-care is still available but please let us know as soon as possible if you need this next week so that staffing can be arranged—thank you



We are having a Christmas Jumper Day on the day of the Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 19th December. We are looking forward very much to seeing all the different designs!

Den Building & Movie Afternoon



On Thursday we have our den building and movie afternoon (everyone welcome). We will be watching Polar Express. Everyone can wear their pyjamas or own clothes on Thursday if they would like to.



The children will be going to see Cinderella at the Maltings on Tuesday morning. They will each have a bag containing a piece of fruit and bag of sweets to enjoy during the show. Thank you to the PTA for providing these. The children will return to school for a party lunch and the Christmas Party in the afternoon.

The children need to wear their school uniform for the trip to the Maltings but can bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon.

Spellings

Year 1 Adding the ending **-ed** to verbs where no change is needed to the root word – SOUNDS LIKE † – LOOKS LIKE ed

Eg clapped, walked, jumped

Year 2 Common exception words
Eg Christmas, gold, kind

Year 3 Common exception words
Eg famous, favourite, February

Future dates

Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance of Born in a Barn at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. Please collect your child from the Village Hall at 3.00pm if you are unable to come
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance of Born in a Barn at 6.00pm with refreshments from 5.30pm
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Maltings (am) followed by party lunch & Christmas Party
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Service at Lowick Church at 10.30am followed by Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th Dec	Den building & Movies afternoon
Friday 21st Dec	Christmas Assembly at 9.30am followed by tea and coffee
	School stops for Christmas holidays
Monday 7th Jan	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8th Jan	School restarts