

A loving family in a unique environment

November/December 2024 Newsletter

As usual we have a very busy half term ahead of us with lots of fun activities planned, including our Christmas production for which everybody will have their parts by the end of the week. Learning their lines will be part of their weekly homework. We also have a visit to the Theatre by the Lake to see their festive production of Jungle Book and Tinsel for the nursery. All events are on the SchoolPing calendar so you can check dates at the touch of a button (or two). Please read this newsletter thoroughly as there are important updates.

Uniform and other items needed every day.

Uniform

Your child should be wearing a collared t-shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan etc with the school logo and dark *plain* (no logos) trousers/skirts.

P.E. Bag

Their bag should contain trainers, a round necked P.E t-shirt, dark shorts and spare socks and pants.

Outdoor Clothing

Each child needs a waterproof coat, waterproof leggings and wellies in school every day, also hats and gloves as the weather is getting colder.

Water bottle

A named water bottle to be taken home each day to be cleaned.

All items need to be NAMED

Book Bag

A packet of tissues that your child can keep in their tray.

Footwear

Your child can either wear shoes or hard soled slippers whilst indoors – they do not need both. The slippers need to be sensible, no logos or characters please. These need to be fitted, not with an open back.

Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

On **Friday 15th November** we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need, a small donation to the charity would be much appreciated.

Year 2 and Reception's 2nd trip to Patterdale Hall

This is on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th November. They will be taking part in archery and will be climbing all over their ropes course. Can all children please arrive in school wearing warm clothes and have a full set of waterproofs with them, and trainers/walking boots. They will also need a spare set of clothing in case they get a bit wet (including footwear).

Homework

Just a reminder that homework is given out on a Monday to be completed for the following Monday. This includes time spent on their Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars accounts.

Also please remember to read at least four times a week and note it down in their reading record. We started off the term really well with this. Well done to those families who have managed to keep it up throughout the 8 weeks, their children's names will be put in a draw to win a prize (one for each class).

Your child will have a new Times Table Rock Star heat map stuck in their homework book; this will enable you to compare it to the beginning of term to see if all the homework you have been doing is working.

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 6th November Playgroup. 1:45pm – 3:15pm

Week beginning 11th November parent consultations

Friday 15th November Children In Need Day

Monday 18th November is the last swimming

Wednesday 20th November Brass Instrument demonstration

Friday 22nd November Christmas Fair

Wednesday 27th November Patterdale Hall visit Y2 & Reception.

Wednesday 4th December School Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm

Friday 6th December Whole School visit to the Travelling Nativity at Church in the Barn

Tuesday 10th December Whole School Trip to the Theatre by the Lake

Wednesday 11th December Playgroup

Monday 16th December Reindeer Run for the charity Jigsaw

Tuesday 17th December Christmas Dinner and Christingle Service

Thursday 19st December Singing at the Methodist Church in Keswick

Friday 20th December Christmas Party. School finishes at 1:00pm

Spring Term Starts Tuesday 7th January

Collective Worship Tuesdays

As you know, we are enjoying **Collective Worship** at St Patrick's Church at 8:50am every Tuesday with Andrew, this will continue for the rest of this term and you and all of the community are very welcome to join us.

Tuesday 17th December will be our **Christingle** in church at 2pm, we hope you can all come. Pick up will be from the church at 3pm.

After School Clubs

Monday – Mrs Butcher

Tuesday – Football with a coach and Mrs Butcher

Wednesday – Mrs Butcher

Thursday – Miss Kendall and Mrs Curry

£2.50 per session except for football which is £4.00

All clubs run from 3:15pm – 5:00pm and include a snack.

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Tuesdays

This year we will again be raising money for the fantastic charity Jigsaw, Cumbria's only children's hospice. On the Monday 16th December the whole school will don antlers and enjoy a **REINDEER RUN** (well... probably a nice walk) - a suggested donation of £10 would be greatly appreciated and the children can keep their antlers!



Every Tuesday in December will be a **CHRISTMAS JUMPER TUESDAY** upon which your child can wear their favourite festive top again in support of Jigsaw.

Attendance Update

Our attendance for the first half of this school term has been **97.8%** which is above our target of 96%, so well done everybody let's keep it up! Children with 100% attendance during each half term will receive a certificate, so some of you will be getting one very soon.

Aira Force Tree Decorating

The National Trust at Aira Force have again invited the children to craft their own Christmas tree decorations from woodland materials (pine cones, twigs etc) and put them up on a tree at Aira Force. We're really looking forward to visiting NT Ranger Nic Fish at the Force on in December, date to be finalised!

We will transport the children there and walk back to Glencoyne car park where we would like you to pick them up at normal pick up time of 3:15pm.

Facebook

We would encourage you all to log in to the school Facebook page as this is where you will find out what we have been up to on a daily basis. Please share widely.

This is also where we will inform you of any **school closures** due to the weather.

School Christmas Performance

This year's school Christmas play is called 'The Fleece Force' (an arresting nativity!). Your child will be allocated their role by the end of the week, so they can start learning their lines for the production over half term. The performance is slightly earlier this year on **Wednesday 4th December** (just 4 weeks after half term!). Can we please ask that they **always keep their script in their book bags** so that we can rehearse at school whenever we can. Can your child please have their lines memorised no later than Wednesday 20th November, so that we can then start to concentrate on the acting?

There will be a list in the school entrance of what your child needs for their costume very soon.

Thank you

Christmas Party Day

Christmas party day will be on Friday 20th December. The children are invited to wear party clothes on that day, but please make sure they are suitably dressed for outdoor play too. As usual there will be no school lunch that day. We ask parents to bring party food to share. The list of families and food will be up in the entrance hall from the beginning of December, please sign up for a food item you will be bringing.

Father Christmas will be visiting as usual; we will be finishing at 1:00pm. Thank you.

Posada Bag

We are inviting families to take it in turns having our Posada bag at home for the night. It comes with stories, prayers, nativity characters, advent candle and a book for you to record how you have shared the nativity experience.

There will be a list in the school entrance with your family's allocated day. Please look to see when you are having our visitors to stay and then please pass it onto the next family on the list.

Governor Christmas Raffle

We will soon be filling our hamper with festive goodies for the annual **Christmas Raffle** – please buy some numbers if you can, and try to tempt friends and family into doing so too! We'll be launching the raffle after half term. This will be drawn at the evening performance of 'The Fleece Force'.

Family Photo

We are still missing a few family photos please try and take a picture of your family over the half term, if you haven't already done so. We look forward to putting them up.

New Home for Loved Toys

It is the time of year to have a good clear out before the Christmas festivities begin. If you have any previously loved toys in good condition which need a new home, please can you bring them into school and we will donate them to a charity. They support families/refugees within Cumbria who have nothing. Please have all donations in school by Friday 29th November.

Christmas Craft Fair

Patterdale C of E School

4pm–8pm

Friday 22nd November

Free Entry

- * Stalls
- * Festive Food and Drinks
- * Music
- * Christmas Crafts

An event for all the family to enjoy

(For a full list of stall holders or to become a stall holder see our Facebook page)

Patterdale

**Church of England
 School**

Paving Project

Be part of our History

As part of our 150th birthday celebrations we have launched an exciting new venture. This gives the local community, local businesses and the public a chance to 'sponsor' part of the school's new paved frontage, in the form of an engraved stone paver!



Thank you for supporting our small rural primary school.

All monies raised will be used to purchase much needed I.T. Equipment

- Shared Paver – 15 Characters - £195
(each paver will be shared with 4 other names)
- Exclusive paver – 60 characters - £550
- Extra Characters - £7 each

Pavers will be laid in front of the school for all to see now and in the future

Contact us for an order form or more information
 Email: info@patterdale.cumbria.sch.uk Telephone: 017684 82383

Looking for an unusual
 Christmas Gift?

Please consider buying or
 sharing a paver as part of our
 fundraising **Paving Project!**

Parent Governor

We would like to say thank you to Nicola Jackson for her time as a parent governor. Her role is now vacant and we are looking to appoint a new parent to join the governing body.

Your child will be bringing home a parent nomination form this week. If you feel you would like to be involved in the governance of the school please put your name forward. If more than one nomination is made we will then hold a parent election.

If you would like to know more about what the role would entail please either contact the school or Claire Beaumont who is also a parent governor.

Please submit nominations by Wednesday 5th November. Thank you!

Many thanks for reading this newsletter and for your continued support.

Nicky and Nicola



Friendship

Trust

Creative

Unique

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Fun