



Slaley First School



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that it is the 1st December already ... not many sleeps now until Santa arrives! Next week we will be practicing in earnest for our Christmas performances which are set to take place on Wednesday 13th (am) and Thursday 14th (pm). Thank you to those of you who have returned ticket request forms, if you haven't done so, please could we have your form by Monday as extra tickets will be allocated midweek. Thank you to everyone who came to our Reading Café Christmas Coffee Morning today, it is always so lovely to see you all together in school. Thank you also to everyone who attended our wreath making event last night, a good night was had by all involved!



Staff News

Mrs Dixon will be retiring at Christmas.

We will miss Mrs Dixon very much, but I am certain she will be keeping in touch and will be returning periodically to visit staff and children.

On Tuesday, Pine Class had a wonderful visit to Marleycote Walls Farm and found out lots about how milk is produced. First hand experiences are always a great way to learn and this visit was chosen specifically to link with our DT curriculum



Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our Christmas hamper raffle. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/suzanne-osborne-1700567572952>

If you would like to join in our Christmas Cake Decorating night on Wednesday 6th December -7pm, you can book a place on the following link ...

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nikki-english-1701160211652?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fnikki-english-

Mindfulness club continues on a Friday lunchtime (except today the children were having so much fun building snowmen!!)

Tonight, we had our last choir / recorder club, and our science club is now also finished.

There are two more Curious Quest Clubs with Mrs English (Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th December.)

Reading Den Update...

Our friend and local author, Sarah Fae is coming to open our new reading den on Friday 8th December so it will be completed by then. Thank you to all of the children who have returned book cover illustrations and book reviews, The winner of the book voucher will be announced on Monday. (There will be sweets for the runners up). Watch this space for photographs next week!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th December - EYFS Trip to Newcastle

Christmas Events

Wednesday 6th December 7pm- Cake Decorating Evening

Friday 8th December 7pm - Christmas Shopping Night & raffle

Wednesday 13th December (AM) - Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December (PM) - Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December - Carols By Candlelight (Evening Performance) - We have 5pm on website calendar, however we have just found out that Santa will be coming into the village on the same evening so we will let you know a definite time on Monday. We would like as many children as possible but do understand if Nursery children are too tired.

Wednesday 20th December (All day) - Christmas Jumper and Lunch

Attendance - Last week

Well done Larch Class!

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Spruce Class - 86.7%

Pine Class - 92.4%

Larch - 96.2%

This week we have been awarded a KS2

West Northumberland Sports award for our contribution to Sport (only two schools in our area received this so we feel very honoured!)

Our Sports Leaders are pictured below with the award, it is now in pride of place in our entrance way, feel free to come and have a look!



Have a lovely weekend everyone, see you all on Monday!

Mrs Hayward



There will be no praise assembly this week as Larch Class children will be on their trip

Christmas Cupcakes



Mrs Seymour will be making her Christmas cupcakes again this year. They will be priced at £5 for 6. If you would like to buy some, please complete the form sent by Mrs Wilson earlier. If you don't have a printer, then feel free to email admin@slaley.northumberland.sch.uk to order.