



# Slaley First School



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

Well, just like that it feels like we have never been away! The children have settled so well back into school and it is so lovely to have the wonderful buzz in our classrooms again.. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! Thank you so much for all of our fabulous Christmas gifts and Happy New Year to you all!

We have had a few new starters this week and we welcome you all to our lovely Slaley community!

## School Library

Our lady from the Library Service has completed her work and the library is looking wonderful! Our Librarians led an assembly on Thursday and showed the rest of the children how to use the new system. From next week, the children will be able to bring a library book home again.

We are awaiting our book topic boxes which hopefully will be arriving next week.



## FoSS Fundraising

We continue to be very grateful for all of the money we raise through our events and we have recently purchased some science and maths resources through money you have raised through the Christmas raffle (£247) and Cake Decorating Night. (£163)

We also have raised - £153 for decodable reading books from money raised from the sale of the Slaley Bars and have £252 towards Image Theatre in March. Thank you - We are ever so grateful!

## Photographs

As you know, we are looking for ways of sharing photographs on mass of children who have been on local outings and/or trips etc. Thank you to those of you who have returned your slip from the form sent home before Christmas. If you haven't yet, please could we have it on Monday.

### Dog Faeces

Today I have had a report of dog faeces on the playground (one of our little ones went home with it on their shoe.) Whilst I am aware that all parents know there are no dogs allowed on our yard, please could you let me know if you see any dogs within the school perimeter during community opening hours. I really do not want the children to be in danger of stepping in anything they shouldn't be!!

### Second Hand Uniform

Please don't forget that we do have a small stock of second hand uniform in the clubroom. We open up this facility on Friday nights, straight after school. Please just ask if you would like to have a little look; all items are free of charge.

### PE

Today the children have taken part in a 'Cultural Capital PE lesson where they have been learning about a famous sportsperson rather than taking part in a physical lesson. However, active PE lessons from next week are as follows -

Larch Class - Thursdays

Spruce and Pine Class - Mondays and Fridays

The children in Spruce and Pine Classes may have already told you but Mrs Williamson is leaving the Northumberland County Council team and so the children will have a new teacher from NCC soon. ( She has been shadowing Mrs Williamson this week and will continue to do so for a few more weeks first).

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Pippa Wild - Dance Workshop

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Spruce Class Curriculum Workshop

### Pine Class

From Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Choir Club

### Pine Class and Spruce Class

From Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Lego Challenge Club

We don't usually do clubs for Reception children until the Summer term, however, Pippa Wild is going to come into school from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January to host a dance club for Rec-Year 4 pupils.

Details and forms for all of these clubs will be sent home early next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Hayward 😊