



No class news for:

Nursery – SG – Saint George
 Reception – GD – Grace Darling
 Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 21st November – Y4 Live Theatre Visit
Fri 29th November – Inset Day (No Children in school)
 Wed 3rd December – Y1-Y6 Panto Visit
 Fri 6th December – Non Uniform, bring a bottle day
 Mon 9th December – Rainbow Hamper Donations (see flyer below)
 Wed 11th December – EY Nativity
 Thurs 12th December – Y4 Live Theatre Visit
 Fri 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day (see menu)
 Monday 16th December – Christmas Fair from 1:30 – 3:30pm.
 Mon 16th December – Dress Rehearsal
 Tues 17th December – EY Party (AM)
 Tues 17th December – KS1 Nativity and KS2 Songs (PM)
 Wed 18th December - KS1 Nativity and KS2 Songs (AM)
 Wed 18th December – KS2 Party (PM)
 Thurs 19th December – KS1 Party (PM)
 Fri 20th December – Christingle 10am – 11am
 Fri 20th December – Head Teacher Award 1pm
 Fri 20th December – Last day of Autumn 2.

Punctuality

During Autumn 1 we have been carrying out some informal monitoring of punctuality. Happily, the overall picture is a strong one; the vast majority of children being on the yard when the bell rings at 8.55am. Moving forward we will take more of a targeted approach, contacting families where poor punctuality remains an issue. We are well aware that life happens, so please do not add this to the stress of an unexpected missed bus. The monitoring is aimed to support where there are regular patterns of lateness.

Attendance

On Monday 18th Nov we will be presenting our new Attendance Certificates – Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are up for grabs. If illness stopped a child reaching Bronze this time, be reassured we hit reset today to track the next ten week period.

Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young

Please remember to send in your child Reading Folder every day. Year 1 have been trying so hard with their reading and we are so proud of them.

Forest school – Friday 6th and Friday 13th are Y1's forest school. Please send children into school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, waterproof coat and suitable footwear. We will go to the woods AFTER lunch so children can wear trainers to come into school then change their footwear before we go to the woods. Children can bring a water bottle and small snack with them if they wish.

The Big Surprise Trip – On Wednesday 11th December Y1 will be going to Strathmore Church in Rowlands Gill from 1 - 3pm for a festive trip linked to the Christmas Story. Most parents/carers have signed / returned their letters however some are still outstanding so new letters have been sent last week. If any parent / carer has not returned their letters, please can these be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale

Forest school – Friday 22nd November is our last Forest school. Please send your child with suitable clothing/shoes to change into after lunch. After that, PE will be on a Friday. As Friday 29th is an INSET day, our first Friday PE session will be on Friday 6th December. Please send children into school in PE kit every Friday from 6th December onwards. Thank you.

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

On Thursday we have our Trip to Live theatre for one of the last rehearsals before the performance. Ensure children are at school on time so not to miss the coach, and if you are bringing your own Packed lunch make sure it is in a bag to easily carry it. We should have a lovely time, so don't forget to ask about it on Thursday evening.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson, Hi to all BR families ☺

Reading

We need all library books back in school for Tuesday 19 November please! We are moving to a digitalised system and this will enable us to scan them all in. Also, please remind your child to record their reading at home in the table at the bottom of the weekly homework sheet (if they are not already doing so). Thank you.

Forest School

Friday 22 November will be our third and final Forest School session for this term. Children will need the usual outdoor clothing, waterproof coats and suitable footwear.

Pickle Palace

Don't forget that we have Pickle Palace sessions coming up with Hannah in December. It would be amazing if you were able to join us! The two dates are Wednesday 4 and 11 December. Please let our office know if you would like to take part, stating which date you would prefer.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai

Forest school – Friday 6th and Friday 13th December (morning session). Please can children come to school in suitable outdoor clothing, waterproof coats and suitable footwear. Please send suitable clothing/shoes to change into on our return to school. Children can bring a water bottle and a healthy snack if they wish. Thank you.



COME & JOIN US AT THE 'VERTU MOTORS ARENA'
FOR
NEWCASTLE EAGLES
Vs
LEICESTER RIDERS
IN THE SUPER LEAGUE BASKETBALL MEN'S
TROPHY SEMI-FINALS

DATE: Friday 6th December 2024
TIME: 7:30pm Tip Off (Start)
VENUE: Vertu Motors Arena (NE4 7AF)

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are usually £20-£23.50 for adults and £12-£15.50 for children but we can offer you them for only **£7.50 per ticket** (adult & child ticket alike).

You can order as many tickets as you like, however please note they will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

HOW TO ORDER

All tickets are ordered digitally and payments made online. To order tickets please use the following link:

<https://boxoffice.newcastle-eagles.com/matches/eagles-men-vs-riders-trophy-semi/grassroots>

CONTACT US

Any queries please text Keith Morris on 07703 533556
or Sarah Morris on 07725 128717.



Please note: there is no transport provided, you must make your own way to the game.

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WEEK COMMENCING 9TH
DECEMBER 2024

Rainbow Raffle collection!
PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO
FRIENDS OF HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINE TO WASHING UP LIQUID
BISCUITS TO BUBBLE BATH
AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!
IT JUST HAS TO BE IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR

WE'LL USE THESE DONATIONS FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE

Nursery and Reception - Red
Year 1 - Orange
Year 2 - Yellow
Year 3 - Green
Year 4 - Blue
Year 5 - Purple
Year 6 - Pink

Website – Our new look website is now live, this will be updated regularly. Check it out at www.highspenprimary.org

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.