



# Rowlands Gill Primary School

## 13.12.19 Newsletter

### Christmas!

What a fabulous lead up to Christmas we've had! This week has been especially busy with dress rehearsals and performances, as well as a trip to the Pantomime.

Thank you to everyone for attending the Christmas Performances (and for those who will be attending on Monday). The children and staff have worked very hard to create and deliver some fabulous performances. I know from the audience responses and the feedback afterwards that everyone had a lovely time.

This year our carol service for Y3, Y4 and Arms was held in the Strathmore Road Methodist Church which is new for us. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Rev Alan Bradley and his team for making us so welcome and going that extra mile to accommodate 82 pupils and 160 adults in the audience. There's nothing better than hearing children sing carols inside a church.

Today, our fabulous kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors hosted Christmas Lunch for everyone. Staff sat with the children and ate lunch together. There was Christmas music, table cloths, crackers and Christmas jumpers galore—a lovely way to spend a lunchtime together. A huge thank you to all of the staff for making this possible, but particularly to the kitchen team!

Thank you for your kind donations to Save the Children as part of Christmas jumper day. We are very fortunate to be able to support children across the world to offer them the basic rights of a child.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I'd like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and happy New Year.



### After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs next week due to parties and performances.

Clubs will restart on 6th January 2020.

We have spaces in the following:

Monday— Fitpop, Singing and Multi skills

Tuesday— Fitpop and Art

Wednesday— Fun French

Thursday— Gymnastics.

The clubs will start on week commencing Monday 6th January and finish week commencing Monday 10th February 2020. Please note that Multi skills has moved to a Monday and Futsal has been cancelled due to low numbers.

The first week of the Autumn term, the last week of the Autumn term and the last week of the Summer term school does not hold music or swimming lessons or after school clubs.

Miss Latto will be setting up additional after school clubs in January - details will follow.

### Goodbye & Thank You Mrs Brogden

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Brogden who has been a huge part of our school for the last 6 years. She is leaving at the end of term to take up a new post of Early Years Leader in a Northumberland school. This is a fabulous promotion for Mrs Brogden and we are pleased for her, but we will all really miss her.

Thank you, Mrs Brogden, for your hard work, enthusiasm, warmth and dedication to the children and the school. Your new school are very very lucky to have you! Keep in touch.



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## New Diary Dates

**Mon 6th Jan** Back to school

**Wed 12th Feb 3.30pm** FoRGPS Valentine's Disco

**Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb** Half term holidays

**Wed 4th March & Mon 9th March 3.30—6.00pm** Parents' Evenings

**Thurs 5th March** World Book Day

**Mon 9th—Fri 13th March** Book Fair in School

**Wed 25th March** Skateboarding Workshop

**Wed 1st April** Egg decorating craft session with parents - Year 3,4,5, 6 & Arms

**Thurs 2nd April** Egg decorating craft session with parents - Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2

**Fri 3rd April 3.20pm** FoRGPS Easter Event for parents

**Mon 6th—Fri 17th April** Easter Holidays

**Mon 20th April** Training Day (School Closed to children)

**Fri 8th May** Bank Holiday



## The Last Week of Term

**Mon 16th Dec** Year 5 & Year 6 Performances 2pm & 5pm (see last newstetter)

**Tues 17th Dec** KS2 Panto Trip

**PLEASE REMEMBER PACKED LUNCH**

**Tues 17th Dec** Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

**Wed 18th Dec** Class 5/6R & 6B Party

**Thurs 19th Dec** Early Years Party

**Thurs 19th Dec** Classes 3L, 4A, 4/5B, 6H (Arms) Christmas Party

**Fri 20th Dec** Last day of term



## Swimming Lessons

There are no swimming lessons on 20th Dec. Class 4A have now finished their swimming lessons.

Swimming will restart on 10th Jan for Year 3 (class 3L) and for Year 4 children from Mr Boddy & Mrs Beattie's class (4/5B). All children from 6H (Arms) will attend too. You will receive a letter about this detailing what the children need.

Please remember that if children wear earrings for school they must be able to remove them themselves for swimming. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

## Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGS)

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, bought raffle tickets, donated prizes, came along, baked or contributed in any way to our Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and an enjoyable event for everyone.

**We raised an amazing £1,606** towards our £12,000 fundraising target for new IT equipment which is a fantastic achievement!

The FoRGPS committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our next event will be the Valentine's disco on Wednesday 12th February (more information to follow in the new year).



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