



Rowlands Gill Primary School

29.11.19 Newsletter

Christmas Cards

As of today, Christmas has officially begun in school. If your child wants to send Christmas cards to their friends, please send them into school with the child's name and class or year group written clearly on the front. This will assist our Year 6 'posties' with their deliveries. Due to GDPR regulations, we are not able to provide class lists of children's names to parents.

Cards can be posted in our Christmas post box next to the Buddies board at the bottom of the stairs.



Handwashing

The winter bugs are amongst us again. We are encouraging children to wash their hands frequently and especially before eating.



We are investing in a hand sanitizer dispenser for the children to use on the way into the lunch hall to help combat the germs too!

Carol Singing for Residents



On Monday 16th Dec at 10am, Y3, Y4 and ARMs children will be Carol Singing around the estate in Southwood Crescent, to spread a little Christmas joy to the residents.

We are trying to develop more links with the residents and hope that this small gesture will help residents to see our wonderful children in action.



Website Revamp

We have recently begun to alter our school website to make it more user friendly, by reducing the number of tabs across the top and streamlining some of the content. We now have a 'News' slideshow playing on the home page, showing the most recent posts. The calendar on the website is now directly linked to the E-Schools calendar so everyone can stay up to date with events.

After Christmas, staff will be updating class pages with posts about what is happening in their class.

All parents are asked to sign an agreement about whether or not their child's image can appear on the website. If your preference has changed, since signing the form, please contact the office.

Governing Body Thanks

At our recent Governor's meeting, I was pleased to share the positive messages and emails which we received from many of you following the publication of our Ofsted report.

The Governors were delighted with the support shown to us all and the absolute agreement by everyone that school is moving forward with everyone working hard together to provide the best for our children.



Parent Governor Vacancy



We are in the process of beginning recruitment for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Please keep an eye out for an email explaining how you can express an interest in the role. Once these have been received, ballot packs will be sent out in paper form, in due course.

Christmas Diary Date Reminders

Tues 10th Dec KS1 trip to Theatre within the school day, to watch Panto.

Wed 11th Dec 9.30am & 2.00pm EYFS Xmas Production - see page 3

Thurs 12th Dec 10.30am—Year 3, Year 4 & Class 6H (ARMS) Carol Service for their parents/carers at the Methodist Church - see page 3

Fri 13th Dec 9.15am & 2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Xmas Performance - see page 3

Fri 13th Dec Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) and **Christmas Lunch**

Mon 16th Dec 10am Year 3, Year 4 and ARMs Carol Singing for Residents (Fri 20th if rainy on this day)

Mon 16th Dec 2.00pm & 5.00pm Year 5 & Year 6 Xmas Performance - see page 3

Tues 17th Dec KS2 trip to Tyne Theatre and Opera House within the school day, to watch Panto.

Tues 17th Dec afternoon Classes 1/2M, 1/2B, 2W Xmas Party (information to follow).

Wed 18th Dec afternoon Classes 5/6R & 6B Xmas Party (information to follow).

Thurs 19th Dec morning EYFS Xmas Party (including afternoon nursery children—information to follow).

Thurs 19th Dec afternoon Classes 3L, 4A, 4/5B, 6H (ARMS) Xmas Party (information to follow).

Fri 20th Dec End of term.

Dates for Spring term will be added to the next newsletter, due before Christmas.

Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGS)

Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December from 3:15—5:15pm.



We still need the following donations:

Children's Tombola—chocolates, toys, sweets

Outgrown Christmas Jumpers

Cakes and biscuits for the café (to be brought in on Friday please)



Remember to send your raffle ticket stubs and money back into school by the 6th to enter our fabulous raffle.

As ever, the fair can only take place thanks to our volunteers. If you could spare any time beforehand or on the day to help with setting up or running a stall, please get in touch.



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Christmas Performances



Taking Photos

In order to allow photography during performances, we need to have written consent from all parents. For many children, for various reasons, it is not possible to give this consent and I fully appreciate this. Therefore I must stress that **photos must NOT be taken in school** and that you pass this information onto anyone else who may be attending (e.g. Grandparents). However, I also understand, as a parent that you want to have photos of your child dressed as an angel or wise man etc to show your family and to keep for when they turn 18!

This year, our staff will take an individual photo of each child in their outfit for the Christmas Play. We will print one copy of the photo out for you and send home before Christmas. For children in Early Years this photo will be made available on Tapestry. We will also upload some limited photos from dress rehearsals to the school website, which you are welcome to download.



EYFS Performances - Wednesday, 11th Dec at 9:30am & 2pm

Doors open 9:00am for the morning performance and the yard gates and hall door will open for the afternoon performance at 1:45pm. If you arrive after 2pm you will need to gain entry via the main entrance as the gate will be re-locked at 2pm.

Up to a **maximum of 3 attendees per child per performance**. You can attend either, or both performances.

Children must return to class after each performance. After the 2pm performance, children can be collected from their usual exit 10 mins after they leave the hall. Siblings can also be collected then from the EYFS exit. Please contact the office if you want to arrange this.

Year 3, Year 4 & ARMs Carols - Methodist Church Thurs 12th Dec 10:30am



Parents/carers are invited to meet us in Strathmore Road Methodist Church for a 10:30am start. Numbers are limited to **2 people per child**. Please be considerate to local residents when parking near the church. At the end of the Carol Service, the children will go straight back to school with the school staff. There'll be no chance for hugs—sorry!

Year 1 & Year 2 Performances - Fri, 13th Dec at 9:15am & 2pm

Doors open 9:00am for the morning performance and the yard gates and hall door will open for the afternoon performance at 1:45pm. If you arrive after 2pm you will need to gain entry via the main entrance as the gate will be re-locked at 2pm.

Up to a **maximum of 2 attendees per child per performance**. You can attend either, or both performances.

Children must return to class after each performance. After the 2pm performance, children can be collected from their usual exit 10 mins after they leave the hall. Siblings can also be collected then from the KS1 exit. Please contact the office if you want to arrange this.

Year 5 & Year 6 Performances - Mon, 16th Dec at 2pm & 5pm

Yard gates and hall door will open at 1:45pm and 4:30pm. If you arrive after 2pm or 5pm you will need to gain entry via the main entrance as the gate will be re-locked at 2pm and 5pm. There will **no admittance after 5:15pm**.

Up to a **maximum of 2 attendees per child per performance**. You can attend either, or both performances.

Children must return to class after each performance. After both performances, children can be collected from their usual exit 10 mins after they leave the hall. After the 2pm performance siblings can also be collected from the KS2 exit. Please contact the office if you want to arrange this.

Children from Years 5 and 6 should return to school for the evening performance by 4:30pm, via the yard gates, and come into classes to get ready. Parents can wait in the hall. If your child can not attend the evening performance, please let their class teacher know ASAP.