

Autumn 2 2023

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and have had a rest. I love this time of year with the excitement of the twinkly lights, the Christmas music and of course, Santa!

Our literacy texts

This half term, we will be looking at Julia Donaldson where we will be looking into three of her books into more detail—Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo and Stick Man.

Phonics

We are really impressed by how the children are learning with our new Phonics Scheme, Phonics Shed. This half term, Reception will be learning:

h, b, f, l, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ff, ll, ss, zz

If you have any questions regarding Phonics, please do ask a member of staff or email me on the class email address: snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk and I will be more than happy to help.

Christmas Play

This year, our Christmas Play is 'Bethlehem Bake Off' and we are already very excited about learning our parts! A letter will be sent out soon with details regarding your child's part and their costume. We do have some costumes available but not enough for everyone, sorry. The Christmas Play takes part in the Church where the children will perform their play to their families in an afternoon and evening slot. Families are welcome to watch one of the performances as this allows everyone to be able to see the play.

A letter will be sent out with more information soon.



Christmas Hampers

Every year, each class ask parents to donate items for our Christmas Hampers which are then raffled off at the Christmas Fair and help raise funds for our children. There will be a list outside of the classroom with items that we wish to be donated, please could you help support our Christmas Hamper.

Junk Modelling

The children love to create a range of models using junk modelling but we are very low on materials. Please could you donate any items that the children can unleash their creativity and create wonderful models. Items such as cereal boxes, toilet rolls, clean yogurt pots, egg boxes etc. would be fabulous!

Bags2School

As part of the PTA fundraising, the PTA are asking for 'Bags2School' with unwanted clean clothing, shoes, bags, bedding (but no pillows and duvets) and soft toys to be donated. The date of collection is Wednesday 6th December.

General Reminders

Please ensure all belongings and clothing are named clearly. Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school every day. Your child will have free access to these all day.

We have quite a few missing jumpers, please could you check any jumpers at home, thank you.



Save the date!

Monday 13th November

Scholastic Book Fair in the hall. A ParentPay will be sent out with further information.

Thursday 16th November

Children in Need. More information will be sent out via ParentPay closer to the time.

Friday 1st December

The PTA Christmas Fair 5pm—7pm. Volunteers are needed, please could you see Mrs. Garnett if you are able to help.

Tuesday 5th December

We are inviting two adults per child to come into school to complete a Christmas Craft activity with their child. Please can you email me (snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) to let us know which two adults will be attending to ensure we have enough resources available. This event will take part in the hall and will begin at 1:30. Parents need to enter school via the main office so they can be signed in.

Tuesday 12th December morning

The Christmas play is being recorded. If this is not your Nursery child's normal session, please can your child join us on this day to be included in the Christmas DVD recording. Please could you email me at snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk to confirm your child will be attending if it is an additional morning for your Nursery child.

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Play—the children perform the play in the afternoon and evening. A letter will be sent out soon with more information.



Save the date!

Friday 15th December — Polar Express Day

Pyjamas day! There will be hot chocolate, making believe bells and maybe a visit from someone..... Ho Ho Ho.....if they're not too busy in the North Pole! If this is not your Nursery child's normal session, please could you email me at snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk to confirm your child will be attending if it is an additional morning for your Nursery child.

Tuesday 19th December

Last day of term— school closes at 2pm.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Wednesday 3rd January 2023

School re-opens

If any of the above dates are not your Nursery child's normal session but would like them to attend, please email snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk as we need to keep in ratio for staffing levels.

