

# WARK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 18th December 2020



## Virtual Author Meet and Greet

Last Friday, children in KS2 had a great online meeting with author Sibeal Pounder. They found out about her new book 'Tinsel' as well as taking part in a quiz.

## PTA

Many thanks to all those that bought a ticket for the Christmas hamper. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Linda Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Gloria Milburn, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tracey Locke and fourth to Debbie Longlands. We raised a fabulous £253.

December 100 club has been drawn and the winners were First Prize Magda Adamowska and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Steve Green.

## Santa dash

This week all the children took part in the Santa Dash. Early years ran for 5 minutes and KS 1 & 2 ran for 10 minutes.

## Craft club

Thank you to all parents who purchased the children's Christmas crafts. A total of £50 was raised being split evenly between Cancer research and the PTA.

## Letters to community

The children in all classes have written letters and cards, with decorations and pictures to send to over 140 people in the local community. Hopefully, this will put a smile on a few faces during this potentially isolating Christmas season.

## St Michael's Pantry

St Michael's church will remain open during the holidays to be an informal and anonymous food bank for anyone in need in the community.

## Reception Portal

The portal for reception applications opens on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November until January 2021. All nursery children still need to apply for places even if they are in school already.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

## Messy Church baubles

Baubles that your children have made from the messy church bags can be put on the tree in the village green from the 18<sup>th</sup> of December and collected by the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## Christmas lunch

Cooking Christmas lunch for 60 people is something I never thought I'd do, however, it all went brilliantly and the children seemed happy! Many thanks to Fresh & Thyme who very kindly donated the veg for our Christmas dinner. Another big thank you goes to Alice Walton who brought in some home-grown parsnips to go with the meal.

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Additionally, if anyone is unable to travel or isolating and needs support please get in touch and I will be able to help arrange a parcel to drop-off.

## **Christmas Play DVD**

A huge thank you and well done to all children for taking part in this year's production of 'A Christmas Toy Story'.

Miss Wright has been working solidly for weeks to organise, direct, film and edit the play. I would like to thank her for the hard work and effort put in.

## **COVID-19 Track and Trace**

NCC has provided a flyer for when to contact schools during the holidays. However, I will be checking my work email frequently during the holiday, if there is anything you need to report.

## **Wide Awake Club**

Donna will be launching a 'Wide Awake A.M' club on Monday mornings. Next half term will be kids Zumba and dance-fit to start the week in the right way. The sessions will be from 8.00-8.45 and include a healthy breakfast.

## **Cleaning and Caretaking**

Following the advertisement for the cleaning and caretaking jobs, I am delighted to announce that John Ritchie and Caz Noble will be sharing the roles of caretaking and cleaning. They will begin their roles in January.

## **Mary Murray**

For the past 3 decades, Mary Murray has been integral to everyday life at Wark C of E school. She is finally beginning her well earned rest. Mary has given her all to the school helping the place to keep running day-to-day. Thank you to everyone who donated to her leaving gift.

Mary, all the very best for the future!

**As this is our last newsletter before the end of term, we would like to wish all our families and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2020.**

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