



(Article 22)



You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this convention.

Friday Letter



22nd November 2024

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Dates for the diary:

Break up for Christmas - Friday 20th December

Inset Day (School Closed) - Monday 6th January

Return to school - Tuesday 7th January

School Lottery

To purchase tickets please follow the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

All money raised from tickets purchased will help to fundraise for our school. Tickets are £1 per ticket, per week and the more tickets purchased the higher the weekly prize is. There is a winner from our school every week!

Year 5 - Centre for Life

Children in year 5 will be visiting Centre for Life on Friday 29th November to take part in a 'destination space' workshop and ice skating. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit with a warm coat, spare trousers and socks. **Gloves are compulsory for ice skating.** We would also advise that your child brings a hat to keep warm. The cost of this trip is £16.00 per child and can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Year 1 - Northern Stage

Children in year 1 will be visiting Northern Stage in Newcastle on the morning of Friday 13th December to watch 'Wolf!'. The cost of this trip is £16.00 per child which can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. School uniform to be worn. Children can bring a drink and a small packet of sweets to eat during the performance. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Reception - Hall Hill Farm

Children in reception class will be visiting Hall Hill Farm in Durham to visit Santa and the animals on Wednesday 4th December. They will also be taking part in an elves workshop. Children should come to school wearing their school polo shirt and jumper along with tracksuit bottoms or leggings and suitable footwear for the farm. They will also require a warm waterproof coat, hats, gloves and scarf, packed lunch and a bottle of water. The cost of this trip is £28; however, school has subsidised the cost of this by £12.00 per child, leaving £16.00 to be paid by parents and carers. Payment can be made online using the SchoolGateway App. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Dance Festival Auditions

Children in KS2 are invited to audition for the Gateshead Schools Dance Festival with Mrs Lennon after school on Tuesday 3rd December 3.30pm until 4.30pm. The Dance Festival will be held in March 2024 at The Glasshouse. For the audition, children need to perform a short routine either on their own or with a partner.

School Photographs

A proof of your child's photograph has been sent home with them this week. If you wish to place an order, please fill in the form enclosed and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 27th November. The photographer will be collecting all orders on the morning of Thursday 28th November.

Reception Nativity

Children in reception class will be performing 'Whoops-a-daisy-angel' on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am with refreshments being available from 9.00am. Tickets for this performance cost £2.50 and can be purchased using our SchoolGateway App. Each ticket purchase includes a tea or coffee and a sweet mince pie. For health and safety reasons, we unfortunately have to limit numbers in our school hall; therefore, children can purchase up to three tickets each initially. Tickets should be purchased no later than Friday 13th December to allow us to offer any spare tickets to other families.

Christmas Cards

If children wish to send each other Christmas cards, they should post them in the Christmas post box located in the foyer by the school office. The cards will be sorted and delivered weekly by the school council.

Christmas Fayre Help

In readiness for our Christmas fayre on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th December, we are wondering if any parents/carers would be willing to help out on a stall? If you are able to help, please contact the school office. This will allow us to plan accordingly.

Christmas Designs

For anybody who would still like to purchase Christmas designs, we have been notified that the shop will re-open from Friday 15th November to noon on Monday 25th November. Unfortunately, after this date, you will no longer be able to purchase any items.

Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform on Friday 6th December. Instead of the usual cash donation, we ask that pupils bring in a small unopened/unused prize which will go towards hampers for our Christmas raffle or the Tombola. These can be left in the foyer outside the office where they will be collected.

Reception/Year 1	Sweets, chocolates or biscuits
Year 2 and Year 3	Toiletries
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Bottles

Christmas Parties

Children may go home for lunch on their party day to get changed if they wish. Please notify the class teacher by class dojo if they are being collected at 12.00pm so that we can ensure they are ready to collect from the school office. Children should return for 1.30pm. Children who are not going home for lunch, may come to school in their party outfit. All parties will be finished by 3.30pm.

In order to cater for our children at the Christmas parties, we would be grateful if each child could bring in a small amount of the following on the morning of the party:

Reception	Notified by Mrs Bone
Year 1 (Monday 16 th December)	Savoury
Year 2 (Monday 16 th December)	Sweet
Year 3 (Tuesday 17 th December)	Savoury
Year 4 (Tuesday 17 th December)	Sweet
Year 5 (Wednesday 18 th December)	Savoury
Year 6 (Wednesday 18 th December)	Sweet

***Children who have dietary requirements should bring their own plate of food clearly labelled to prevent them having anything that may cause an allergic reaction.**

Raffle Tickets

Our Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale at £1.00 per strip and can be purchased using the SchoolGateway App. Tickets must be purchased by no later than Friday 6th December.

After School Clubs

A reminder that all after school clubs have now finished with the exception of NUFC and choir.

Year 6 - Kingswood Residential

A reminder, if you have opted to pay by instalments for your child's residential at Kingswood, the next payment of £40.00 is due on or before Friday 29th November.

Money Tree

We are once again going to have a money tree at our Christmas fayre on Tuesday 10th December. Your child has been sent home with a small coloured envelope this week. Could we please request parents/carers donate anything from 20p-£1 and return the envelopes to the school office by Thursday 6th December. The envelopes will be hung on a tree and you will have the opportunity to choose an envelope and win up to £5.00.

Reindeer Dust

Our environmentally friendly reindeer dust is now available to be purchased from the school office for £1.00. This can also be purchased using the SchoolGateway app. If you choose to purchase online, this will be sent home with your child however, if you would prefer to collect, please let us know.



Christmas Boxes

We have a limited number of Christmas boxes available to purchase which include sweets, a hot chocolate cone, a slap band and other Christmas activities. The cost of these boxes is £5.00 each and can be purchased by either cash at the school office or by using the SchoolGateway app. If you choose to purchase online, boxes will be sent home with your child however, if you would prefer to collect the box, please let us know.

