



# Peases West Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 8th November 2017

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We will be supporting the British legion by selling Poppies in school. A range of items are available from 50p - £1.

### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

With so many Christmas activities planned over the next few weeks, it really is beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas!

We will be holding auditions for the school choir who will sing at the Crook Rotary Club Christmas concert on **Tuesday 5th December**, and at West Lodge residential home, plus Christmas lunch and the PTA Christmas Fair are all exciting events to come. We will also be holding our Christmas Fair in school on the afternoon of **Friday 1st December, from 1:30pm - 3:30pm**.

All children will be working towards their performances over the next few weeks, and we know you are going to thoroughly enjoy them. Ticket information, dates and times will be coming home very soon!

Please note: We fully appreciate families wish to take photographs in performances, which will provide you with much pleasure and happy memories in years to come. In school we adopt a 'common sense' approach to photographs being taken for personal use and request that any photographs taken at a school event will be of your own child, and not be used inappropriately or uploaded on to social media sites.

Whilst we encourage younger family members attending performances, we do ask that should they become restless, they are taken out of the school hall.

**As we will need to prepare the school hall ready for each performance, the door will only be open to Parents/family members 5 minutes before each event.**

### Wellington/outdoor boots



Now that the weather conditions have changed, we ask that children keep off the grassy areas as they are slippery and unsafe. Please ensure that your child brings a change of footwear (not slippers) if they are coming to school in wellington/outdoor boots. Boots should be named and a carrier bag brought in to hang them up. Thank you.



Christmas parties are to be held on the following dates:

Children may prefer to come to school in their party clothes, alternatively party clothes can be brought into school in a clearly labelled carrier bag.

Nursery, Class 1: Thursday 21st December (am)

Class 2: Thursday 21st December (am)

Class 3: Thursday 21st December (pm)

Class 4: Thursday 21st December (pm)



*Should your child usually bring packed lunch but wishes to join in the school 'party' food, please complete and return the slip below no later than Friday 8th December.*

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**Christmas Lunch/Party lunch 2017**

**Child/ren's name:**..... **CLASS:**.....

**My child/ren usually bring packed lunch but I would like to order a school 'party lunch'.**

**I enclose £2.00 for each school lunch ordered. Please return form and money by FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER. Thank you.**

**Signed:**..... **Parent/Carer**



## Children in Need

**Friday November 17th**

To support this worthwhile cause, for a donation to Children in Need, children can come to school dressed in Children in Need themed clothing, or non uniform. We will also have our traditional 'fill a Giant Pudsey Bear with loose change' challenge - we are going to have an even bigger Pudsey this year! The hunt for the 'round pound' is on this year - if you have any 'old' round pound coins you can put them to good use! Children can bring in their loose change from **Monday 13th November**.

### **TOY DONATIONS!**

We would like to encourage children to donate one toy (in good condition) that they no longer use/play with to our Children in Need fundraising toy sale. All toys donated will then be for sale for 50p/£1 during the day.

Toys can be handed in to the school office **until Thursday 16th November**.

Many thanks for your anticipated support!

Polite reminder: Nursery session begins at 8:45am. If you arrive after this time and the door is closed, you will need to bring your child to the main entrance. Thank you.

### **Early Years Outdoor Learning Area**

As you are aware, the entrance to our school is also where our youngest children play and learn. Staff will often set up learning tasks for our younger children before the start of school. Could we politely ask that you support us in encouraging our older children not to play with the resources in the outdoor area, at both the beginning and end of the day - we know how tempting it is!

We also ask that older children do not play on the slide, as it designed for children up to 5 years only and has previously been damaged by older children using it.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

# Christmas Lunch - Friday 8th December

We would like to invite family members to join us in school for a Christmas lunch on Friday 8th December. The cost of an adult meal is £2.40 and a child's meal is £2.00 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to free school meals).

Could you please complete, detach and return the slip below to school, indicating how many additional family members will be joining us (**maximum of two per family**), and if any guests would prefer the vegetarian option of a Festive Vegetable Crown. Children who are already on school dinners will receive a school Christmas lunch. If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like a school Christmas lunch on the day, could you also indicate this on the slip below.

**Please note - We will need numbers and payment of accompanying guests by Friday 17th NOVEMBER as food orders will be made on this date. Please ensure the slip below is returned with the payment in a money bag/envelope/purse. Thank you.**

Details of timings and arrangements will be with you once we have confirmed numbers. We do hope you can join us!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH RETURN SLIP - RETURN BY 17th NOVEMBER 2017

Child's name:..... Class:.....

My child is on packed lunch but would like a school Christmas lunch on Friday 8th December. Yes/No (Please circle)

I would like ..... additional adult lunch/es  
I would like .....additional children's lunch/es.

*Please indicate below if you would prefer any of your lunches to be the vegetarian option (Vegetable Crown):*

I enclose payment of .....  
(cheques payable to Durham County Council)

Signed..... (parent/carer)



**CHRISTMAS FAIR  
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
1.30 P.M. - 3.30 P.M.**

Children's Stall

Any toys, books, games, jigsaws, DVDs etc in working order where appropriate  
Items can be left at the School Office.

Water to Wine Stall

Bottles of red, rose or white wine  
Bottles can be left at the School Office now.

Cake Stall

Any baked or bought cakes, biscuits, scones and pies (savoury or sweet)  
Goods can be left at the School Office from the morning of Thursday 30th November until the morning of Friday 1st December.

THANK YOU!!! PEASES WEST PTA





# Remember

to raise this **Christmas**



## We need you to...



### 1. Join

Head to easyfundraising, search for us to start raising.



### 2. Shop

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping.



### 3. Raise

After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever!



# Have Your Say

We value and welcome your comments on all aspects of school life. These can be shared by completing and returning the slip below. Thank you!

Praise, Positives & Progress

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Things to develop

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Suggestions for improvement

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Thank you.

Name: ..... (optional) Date:.....