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Week 18 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this weeks newsletter.

For any further information, please also refer to our news page of our school website and school calendar as well as any messages from your class teachers on Class Dojo or Tapestry.

<https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/weekly_newsletter_and_information_week_16/718223

Please also see our social media page -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057420520546>

Information saved on the news page this week includes:

PTA Disco

DCHS Boost information

National Autistic Society newsletters / meeting dates

Sponsor Poster

Don't forget!

PTA Meeting – Monday 26th January in school at 3.30p.m.

Class 3 amazing opportunity to see the first of a tour before it hits the 'West End' of the production 'Weird' at the Theatre Royal – Friday 30th January.

Christingle Family Service – Tuesday 3rd February.

Rota Kids – Thank you to everyone who kindly bought tickets. The raffle was drawn during Celebration Worship today. The winners were Lachlan, Alex and Luke. When the Rota Kids next meet they will count up how much was raised and will let you know.

Renewal of Computing resources - A great deal of development to our whole school curriculum offer has been made in the last 3 years in particular. We are currently improving Computing with Miss Lazenby as lead in this area. As technology is such an ever-changing area we are now finding that a number of our devices are becoming obsolete. With limited school funds available Miss Lazenby is looking into ways in which money can be raised and is therefore looking for company sponsorship. Please see poster attached for details!

Online Safety and no mobile phones/ smart watches that can make/ receive calls.

For the duration your child has been at school we have had a very clear mobile phone policy which does not allow pupils to bring mobile phones or certain types of smart watches into school. There are now groups of parents working together across Northumberland on an initiative promoting a Smartphone free childhood. Further details can be found here –

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

PTA – As you will have noticed in the reminder section of the Newsletter there is a PTA meeting on Monday. Mrs Marsden, our chair has already got dates in the diary for the rest of the school year. In order for our PTA to continue we need help at these events. If you are able please complete the google form - <https://forms.gle/1wL4e99QQRh2P3tb9>

Parent Survey – Thank you to 19 families who have responded with today being the final day so if you have not already please do complete the google form. Your feedback is appreciated. <https://forms.gle/b42adXLzu5kv8Gd89>

National Year of Reading - It is National Year of Reading this year and we will be looking to be doing even more fun things to promote reading. Teachers have sent a message out this week on Tapestry / Dojo asking for any volunteers that would like to come into school during National Storytelling Week (2nd-8th February). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. If you have not already and are able to please contact your class teacher.

Mrs Arkle's Early Retirement – As you will now know, Mrs Arkle is hanging up her apron strings and we are looking to recruit a replacement. If you, or anyone you know is interested in this position please see -

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=searchresults&module=jobs-userlist&mode=1&guid=d4c6e73c-c103-475d-bb89-20dc418247eb&sort=6>

Thank you for your support. As always, please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

