

# Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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## Pupil Attendance

Since the start of this term, the DfE has changed the way in which it monitors pupil absence and has reduced the amount of time a child can be absent from school (for any reason) from 15% to 10%. This means that any child whose attendance level falls below 90% will be now be classed a 'persistent absentee'. The information about such pupils is monitored very carefully both within school and by external agencies. Therefore it is extremely important that you try to ensure your child maintains a good level of attendance at school.

At our school we will continue to monitor the attendance of every pupil in school, as we have always done, on a half termly basis. If your child's attendance falls between 93% and 90%, we will put them on a 'watch list' and continue to monitor their level of absence to ensure your child does not become a persistent absentee. We will write to you if your child is being monitored.

If a child's attendance falls below 90%, we will contact parents to arrange a meeting to put a plan in place to improve attendance. In some cases where attendance does not improve, the LA will expect us to contact the Children & Families Prevention Service to raise our concerns.

In the vast majority of cases, our children have excellent attendance records which is fantastic and we thanks parents for their support in this matter.

## Welly Walk for Africa

On 4<sup>th</sup> December we will participating in a well walk for Africa which involves us all wrapping up, sticking our wellies on and doing laps of the field to clock up welly miles. All of the children will be taking part. If you would like to send a financial donation you can, or you can sponsor your child for each lap of the field. You may decide that on this occasion you would rather not send a charitable donation which of course is absolutely fine.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE SAME DAY WE ARE ASKING CHILDREN TO WEAR NON UNIFORM AND BRING IN A TOMBOLA PRIZE FOR THE XMAS FAYRE. See details below.



School Xmas Fayre

The annual school Christmas Fayre will be organised by staff at the school again this year and will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall. We are asking for children to kindly bring a donation of a tombola prize on 4<sup>th</sup> December and in return they can come to school in non uniform that day.

Mrs Richardson has also been liaising with Santa's PA and hopefully, if he can fit us in to his busy schedule, we will get a visit from the man himself during the fayre!

More details about the fayre will follow soon.

*Do you need help with providing toys for your children this Christmas? The Salvation Army recognises that many families struggle with the financial aspect of Christmas, for many different reasons. We can help you avoid going into debt by providing beautiful new toys and gifts to help you through this time. The toys are all brand new, and have been donated through the Selby Times Toy Appeal, other appeals and private donations.*

*We can give you several gifts to wrap for your children, and will do our best to make them suitable for your child's preferences.*

*Please call Paula Haylett on 01757 702629, or email [paula.haylett@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:paula.haylett@salvationarmy.org.uk).*

*All requests will be treated as strictly confidential.*

Dates for Your Diary

**28<sup>th</sup> November** - school choir at Selby Christmas light switch on - details will be confirmed by Mr Slade

**2<sup>nd</sup> December**- Christmas maths morning - parents welcome

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Y5 and Y6 to see Selby High Performance 'We will rock you'

**4<sup>th</sup> December**- Welly Walk to raise money for Africa- all children to come dressed in warm clothing (non uniform day) with a pair of wellies!

**10<sup>th</sup> December** - Threadgold theatre company in school to give performances to children : KS1/FS2 - The Gingerbread Man, KS2- A Christmas Carol

**MORE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:**

**Performances will be as follows:**

**11<sup>th</sup> December** - 3.30-5.30pm School Christmas fair

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS2** Evening Christmas Performance #1 **6pm start**

**8<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS1/FS2** Evening Christmas Performance **6pm start**

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS2** Daytime Christmas Performance **10am start**

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS1/FS2** Daytime Christmas Performance **2pm start**

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS2** Evening Christmas Performance #2 **6pm start**

**OTHER**

**14<sup>th</sup> December** -KS1 & FS2 Christmas party

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - School Christmas lunch

**16<sup>th</sup> December**- KS2 Christmas Party

**17<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service at church 1.45pm - all welcome