

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Operation Christmas Child

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Mrs Gent is arranging for our school to take part in Operation Christmas Child this year. Children have now brought home a letter containing information about the types of things which we can use to fill shoe boxes (spares can be found near school office in letter rack). The idea is that our school will make up Christmas gifts for children abroad who are living in difficult circumstances, usually refugees. Since these are **Christmas** gifts, there is a Christian theme. It has been brought to our attention today that there is a possibility that Christian based literature is added to the gifts before they are given to children, regardless of the child's own religious beliefs. The opportunity to participate in this activity is voluntary and you may choose not to take part based on this information. However, if you wish to, you can contribute to our school effort in the following ways:

- 1) Make up an entire shoe box from your child/ren, complete with contents, wrapped in Christmas gift wrap and sent with a contribution of £3 which pays for the transport costs of delivering the gifts (All monies are paid to the charity)
SHOEBOXES SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN MEDIUM SIZE (EG NOT FROM BOOTS) AND THE BOX AND LID MUST BE WRAPPED SEPARATELY TO ENABLE CONTENTS TO BE CHECKED AT CUSTOMS. ATTACH LABEL STATING FOR BOY / GIRL AND AGE 2-4, 5-9 OR 10-14.
- 2) Send a £3 donation which will cover the cost of posting one of our combined school gifts
- 3) Send individual item/s from the list below which we will use to make up parcels from the children in school.

Items which can be included:

Something fun eg skipping rope, yo-yo, dominoes, small jigsaw, toy car/train, small musical instruments, animal figures

Something to love- small teddy (with CE mark), small play people, hand or finger puppets, small ball

Something creative- chalks, crayons, colouring book, drawing pad, stickers, mini pre inked stampers, small models, paint set, small craft sets (sealed)

Something to keep clean- toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, sponge, washmit, chapstick, emery board, push up deodorant (not liquid or aerosol), small mirror, comb, brush

Something to put on- hat, scarf, gloves, mittens, cap, head bands, hair bobbles, clips, costume jewellery, sunglasses, draw string bag, dress up items eg animal ears, crowns



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Something to learn with- pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, calculator (solar only), exercise books, felt-tips, coloured pencils, glue stick, safety scissors, mini board games, water bottle

Something homemade-hand knitted toys, sewn or crocheted bags, puppets. **Toys which are stuffed are not allowed.**

Items which must not be included:

War related items eg toy guns, knives, camouflage items. Religious items. Any food other than sweets (no chocolate please), glass items, any liquids, any aerosols, sharp objects, medicines, books with words, unwrapped scented items, playing cards, clothing other than that listed.

Please bring all donations to school by Friday 11th November. Any £3 donations should be in a sealed envelope marked 'Operation Christmas Child'.

CHILDREN IN NEED Friday 18th November 2016

Friday 18th November is BBC's Children in Need day and as usual we would like to support this charity.

This year we are inviting children to dress in something spotty; children may come to school dressed up on Friday 18th and we are asking for donations for Children in Need (minimum of £1). If children do not want to participate by dressing up, that is absolutely fine as this is purely voluntary.

Additionally, the School Council have decided that they would like to run a cake stall at playtime on the Friday so children may bring some money to buy cakes or biscuits if they choose. We would be very, very grateful if mums, dads, grandmas and any other fab bakers would once again support us by getting into the kitchen and baking for us (with a potential 200 hungry tummies we can never have too many cakes and biscuits!). Since the bakes are to be sold to the children at playtime, individual fairy cakes, buns or biscuits / cookies are preferred as they are easier for the school council to try and sell! Baking can be brought into school on Friday 18th IN A NAMED BOX/TIN and taken directly to Mrs Kenny's classroom. Many thanks in advance.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 4 CHILDREN

If your child is currently in Y4, please look out for a letter they have brought home about the Robinwood trip next year. Non-refundable deposits for this residential must be paid to school by Friday 4th November. **Unfortunately this year places will not be allocated to children who do not return their deposit and form by that date. School will not be chasing forms / payments. Many thanks.**

Polite Request

Please remember that bikes and scooters must be dismantled at the school gate. Nobody should be riding or scooting on the school paths or playgrounds. This includes younger siblings who are not at our school yet. I do ask children to hop off if I catch them but cannot be everywhere at once! We have had a few 'near misses' with children on bikes / balance bikes and scooters almost running into people and prams! Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Christingle and Christmas Gift Service at St Wilf's- Sunday 4th Dec 3pm

It's coming up thick and fast! What is? Christmas of course! For children locally and across the country who don't have as much as us, there's the great opportunity to help make Christmas special for them. On **Sunday 4th December at 3pm at St Wilf's** please join us for our annual Christingle and Christmas Gift Service. You are invited to bring to the service a wrapped Christmas present for a local disadvantaged child, labelling it for either a boy or a girl (or both) and the age group the present is best suited to eg baby, pre-school, 5-7, 11-13 etc. The service will also focus on the superb work of the Children's Society with disadvantaged children across the country.

Supporting Your Child With Maths

Many thanks to the parents who attended the recent maths' workshops which were a great success.

We want children to see maths as a creative, exciting subject; to embrace challenge, learn from mistakes and enjoy the thrill of making new mathematical discoveries. *The Celebrating Maths Project* will help you to promote these attitudes with your children.

The Celebrating Maths Project is a series of three short videos written to give parents a range of mathematical games and puzzles to play at home.

The first video, for parents of children aged 4-5, gives ideas for finding maths in everyday situations and explains some important stages in developing an early understanding of number. The second and third videos, for parents of children aged 6-7 and 8+, give ideas for mathematical strategy games that can be played with simple equipment and an active mind!

By playing maths games together, whatever your personal experience of the subject, your child will learn that the challenge of maths is there to be enjoyed!

Follow the link below to see the three videos:

<http://www.iseemaths.com/celebrating-maths-project/>

Dates for your diary

SCHOOL DISCOS Tue 1st November- KS1 3.15-4.15, KS2 4.30-6pm. See separate letter

Wed 2/11/16-Fri 4/11/16- Book Fair is in school- come and look after school in the hall.

8/11/16- Y1 and Y2 trip to The Deep

9/11/16- Y5 Athletics event at Selby High (afternoon in school hours). Kit needed.

11/11/16- Y6 attending Remembrance Service at Selby Cemetery.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANNUAL LIST OF DATES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE