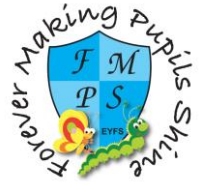




# Framwellgate Moor Primary School

## December Issue 1 2017



### Closing for Christmas

The school closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

### Christmas Cards

Pupils can bring Christmas Cards into school for their friends and the Post Box will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please can all envelopes also have the year group that the child is in written on the front. Year 1 are going to sort out the Christmas Cards and deliver them initially as they have a Post Office in their classroom and this will give the children a real life experience.

### Christmas Disco

The Discos will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### KS1 Disco

The Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Disco will be held from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Pupils wishing to attend the Disco can bring their Disco clothes into school in the morning. Pupils will be able to change and get ready for the Disco at 3:15pm. At 3:30pm all Disco children will be taken into the Disco with Staff. At the end of the disco all children will be taken to their own classrooms to be collected. Parents can collect their child from the Nursery door, Reception Classroom door or Year 1 and 2 door. Your child will receive a Selection Box before they go home. Disco tickets have been sold this week but children can still purchase tickets on Monday.

#### KS2 Disco

Y3/4/5/6 pupils can attend the Disco and enter via the main entrance at 4:45pm. Parents need to sign in their child and then leave. Please collect your child at 5:45pm via the Main Entrance. Pupils can buy sweets and drinks from the school tuck shop during the disco. Disco tickets have been sold this week but children can still purchase tickets on Monday.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in school. Pupils who usually have packed lunch are welcome to have a Christmas Dinner. A letter has gone home this week to packed lunch children and this needs to be returned by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December if they wish to have a school dinner. Children can wear their uniform with a Christmas jumper and hat/antlers if they wish to for the Christmas Lunch.

### Christmas Parties

For their Christmas Parties, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can come to school in their party clothes. These will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in school.

### Christmas Pantomime

KS2 will attend Robinson Crusoe at the Gala Theatre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils can come into school in their party clothes and will return to school at an estimated time of 4:15pm. All pupils will be brought back into school from their bus and cannot be collected until they are in the school hall with their teacher.

### School Uniform - Reminder

School uniform is required to be worn in school. Children are required to wear black shoes/boots in school, school grey or black trousers and tights should be blue, black or grey but not coloured.

The majority of children look smart and follow the uniform procedures, however there are a few who don't. Please can all children at Framwellgate Moor Primary School wear the correct uniform to school.

Thank you for your support.

### Christmas shows

Parents are invited to performances (taking place in the lower hall) on the following dates:

- Nursery Performances - 9.15am and 1.15pm on 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Y2 and Y3 Performance - 1.15pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Y4, Y5 & Y6 Performance - 1.15pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Reception and Y1 Performance - 1.15pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December

Please arrive at the Lower Hall entrance. The doors will be open at 1pm. No photos or videos can be taken. However, there will be photos sold in the room next to the Main Hall. Please enter this room via the outside door. Photos will be sold from 12.45pm and after the shows. Group photos are not for sale but some will be displayed on the school website.

### Christmas Assembly

Christmas Assembly for pupils will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If a child has a Christmas tune that they would like to play in the Christmas Assembly on any instrument, please bring in the instruments on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December for a practise.

### Poppy Appeal

We raised a total of £320.55 from selling Poppy items in school. Thank you for your contributions.

### Children in Need

Thank you for all of your donations towards Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We raised a total of £451.17!

### Black Path

Durham County Council have agreed to install lighting on the Black Path. We are delighted as we have been applying for this for some time. However, in order for the work to be carried out, **the Black Path will be closed from 11<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> December.** Children will all need to enter and be collected from the Main Gate. The congestion at the Main Gate area is already difficult. Please could parents continue to park near the Black Path and then walk around to the Main Gate. The lighting on the Black Path will ensure the safety of all people using it during the winter months ahead.

### Dates for your Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Photographs of Christmas Performances to be taken in school today
4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Discos
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Performances - 9.15am and 1.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assembly for pupils at 9.15am - please bring in instruments on the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> December
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 & Y3 Performance at 1.15pm - please enter via Lower Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Performance at 1.15pm - please enter via Lower Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 - Pantomime - Robinson Crusoe at the Gala Theatre - collect from school at approximately 4.14pm Reception & Y1 Performance at 1.15pm - please enter via Lower Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner for pupils Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parties held in school
Christmas Holiday Last day of school - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Return to school - Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	

## School Access Plan

"Schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather. They play a key role in their communities and by staying open help both their pupils and parents" Department for Education.

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service. As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for all staff or pupils to be on site. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Framwellgate Moor Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways and clearing access points.

However, if we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made, a notification will be displayed on the home page of the school website immediately. This will be updated regularly and identify times for further updates. There will also be notification via the Durham closures website [www.durham.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolclosures).

In the event of SNOW - School Access plan

The footpath next to Chastleton Doctors will be closed

2 Footpaths to be used by all pedestrians:

The Black Path is a much safer route for pedestrians in the snow and ice as the children are kept away from cars slipping on the ice. All Year 1 and 2 children would access the building next to the Year 4 classroom with the KS2 children. The Reception Pupils will access their classroom on the opposite side of the Link Corridor than usual.

All children living in the immediate housing near the school and in the Housing across the Finchale Road can use the Nursery Footpath.

The school website will indicate whether the children can be collected by car users from 2pm and the Black Path opened early for this purpose. [www.framprimary.durham.sch.uk](http://www.framprimary.durham.sch.uk)

The Nursery access drop off will continue to be open for Nursery parents only. All staff will be using this entrance to attend school therefore there will be an increase in cars using the drive. The yard will be used for staff. Please avoid travelling by car if at all possible as the congestion on Newton Drive in icy weather is a huge concern.

The Nursery footpath will be open.

The car park next to the Park at the top of the Black Path and the car Park behind the Community Centre (next to St Aiden's Lodge) will be open for all other parents across the school.

What can you do to help?

- Do not use the Nursery Drop off area unless you have a Nursery child attending and you cannot walk to Nursery.
- All other cars travelling to school to use the 2 allocated areas at the top of the Black Path
- Warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies and a change of shoes
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping Framwellgate Moor Primary School to remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.