



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 312: W/E 21st December 2018

PLEASE NOTE: Carpark gates are closed between 8.35am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

Monday 17th Dec 2018

- Y1 trip - £7.50

Tuesday 18th Dec 2018

- Christmas Lunch - Grandparents invited - **MUST BE BOOKED BY 3RD DEC - NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Carols round the camp fire - 3.30pm

Wednesday 19th Dec 2018

- Christmas parties - £3.50 **MUST BE BOUGHT BY 14TH DEC - NO EXCEPTIONS**

Friday 21st Dec 2018

- Carol service - 10am
- Children break up

Mon 7th Jan 2019

- INSET - NO CHILDREN

Tuesday 8th Jan 2019

- Children return to school

Wednesday 23rd Jan 2019

- Y4 class assembly

W/B 4th March 2019

- Parental appointments

Wednesday 6th Mar 2019

- Y3 class assembly

Thursday 7th Mar 2019

- World Book Day

Monday 25th Mar 2019

- Y3 trip -£27.00

W/B 13th May 2019

- SATs

STEM Workshop

Year 5 had a brilliant day with the outreach team from the Centre for Life in Newcastle. Children practised their circus skills and thought about forces. They also learned a lot about levers and pulleys and were able to make mathematical predictions based on their findings. Their final project was to engineer a system that would set off a giant custard pie machine. They had a lot of fun and developed their resilience as well as their scientific knowledge.



STEM Learning is the UK's largest provider of education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (**STEM**). Ms. Horn is leading the development of this initiative in our school; the aim is :

- to make science, maths engineering and technology real for our children
- to make learning fun
- to help children develop achievable aspirations for the future

Year 1 see Santa

Year 1 visited Beamish this week. They learnt all about pantomimes in the olden days and even acted out their own version of Cinderella! They visited Santa who told them they were all on the good list! Santa asked the children if they could feed his reindeers to make them nice and strong ready for delivering presents at Christmas.



Carols round the fire

What a lovely night we had on Tuesday – children, parents and staff all around the fire in the woods - singing carols. The weather stayed fine for us and it was a really magical experience. How lucky we are to have the woods. Thanks to Mr. Bell for putting up the lights and getting the fire ready for us.



Santa came to visit

The children had a special visitor on at their Christmas parties on Wednesday night, Santa dropped in to say hello & give out some presents.



Mrs. Armstrong

It's with massively mixed emotions that I'm letting you know that I will be retiring at the end of the summer term, in July 2019. I'll be really sad to leave, but I have an ever-expanding brood of grandchildren and it's the right time for my family to have a grandma / nana who can do a bit of child-minding!

So, over the next two terms I'll cherish every moment in school, and count my blessings for being able to carry out a job I love, and to take pride and pleasure in doing my absolute best for your children.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the attendance awards for week ending 14th Dec

KS1:Y1	98.15%
KS2:Y6	92.86%

Autumn Term Breakdown for Attendance

- 0 days missed = 100%
- 1 day missed = 98.6%
- 2 days missed = 97.3%
- **3 days missed = 95.8%**

WILL NOT RECEIVE THE TREAT

Please note that a penalty notice may be issued if a leave of absence is taken without permission.

Happy Birthday for the coming weeks to :

Lola Cairns	Oliver	Rushworth
Layton Newby	McManus	Riley
	Skye	Martin
	Maddison	Close
	James	Dunn
Charley Allan	David	Woodhouse
Jaxon Harris	Joshua	Gibson
Jensen Crookes		



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