

# Friday Flyer

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Head teacher Update

It has been a busy and exciting week in school. The children have just begun rehearsing for their Christmas performances. There is a lot of work to be done to reach public performance standard but they have made a good start.

Thank you for your support in providing costumes and helping the children to learn lines in the coming weeks. Please ensure that your ticket request forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed Ponteland High School's performance of 'Joseph'; it inspired them to approach their own Christmas performance with even more zest! It was especially thrilling watching one of our old Year 6s, James Hickie, in his role as the money-grabbing pyramid tycoon 'Potiphar'. Well done James!



## Food Bank Collection

This week, the School Council led an assembly which launched the beginning of our food collection for the West End Food Bank. This is an organisation which helps local people in crisis by providing them with a food parcel containing 3 days worth of supplies. The stocks at the food bank often run low in the Winter so we want to help by donating anything we may be able to spare such as tea bags, coffee, cereal, sugar, pasta, biscuits, rice and tinned produce. The food bank rely on public donations for 90% of their food.

We have had an overwhelming number of kind donations and the box is overflowing already! Thank you for your generosity!



## Ryton Towers Care Home

Next Friday 20 of our Year 6 pupils will visit Ryton Towers Care Home to complete some Christmas themed activities with the residents. This extends their letter writing initiative that we began last year with some of the old people from the care home.

## Good luck to our Cross Country Runners

Next Monday 12 of our Year 5 pupils will be completing a cross country run at Ovingham Middle School. This is a qualifying event for the Northumberland team.

Good luck to all of our runners.

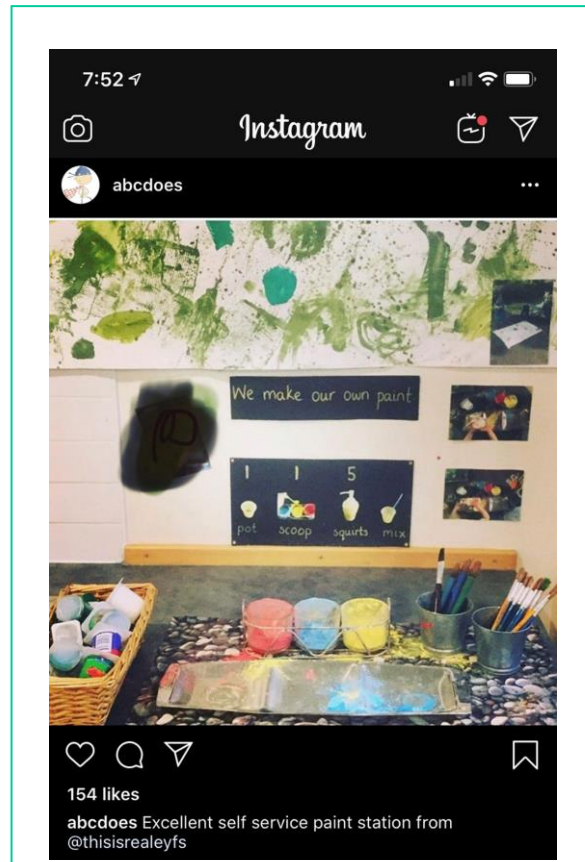
### Great excitement

There was great excitement this week when Alistair Bryce Clegg commented on our nursery practise on his instagram page.

He commented on our art area in the nursery saying “excellent self service paint station “

Alistair Bryce Clegg is the man behind the Channel 4 series “The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds”. He is held in very high regard by early years practitioners. Well done to Mrs Wilds for getting the recognition from one of her heroes!

Mrs Johnson, Mrs Ramsay and Mr McCourt are all attending one of his conferences today in Edinburgh. I have no doubt that they will be inspired by what they hear and come back with lots of ideas to improve our provision further.



### Thank you

Thank you to the PTA for funding the visit of Bigfoot Theatre Company to perform “The Clumsiest Elf”. This will happen on Tuesday 17 December for Reception and KS1.

### Upcoming Dates this half term

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day – in exchange for a donation to the Adult or Children’s Tombola for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 December	9.15am - Reception Nativity 2.15pm - KS1 Christmas Performance Year 4 perform at The Sage 7pm
Wednesday 11 December	9.15am - KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Y5/6 Christmas Performance Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 December	9.15am - Y5/6 Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 December	9.15am - Y3/4 Christmas Performance 3.15pm - PTA Christmas Fair Christmas Jumper Day – in exchange for a bottle or chocolates for the Christmas Fair
Monday 16 December	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 December	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party Big Foot Theatre perform “The Clumsiest Elf” – Reception & KS1
Wednesday 18 December	Nursery Christmas Party, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 December	Reception Christmas Party Year 3 Trip – Whitehouse Farm
Friday 20 December	Christmas service at St Mary’s Church
Monday 6 January	<b>1.30pm End of term</b>
Tuesday 7 January	Teacher Training Day - School closed to children
These dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change.	Back to school